

## Continuous Supplementary Benefits

Full-Time Learners, Non-EI

You or a family member may be eligible for additional money under the Income Support program for certain needs other than your core benefits (see Financial Benefits Summary Sheet) and tuition and books. These benefits are called supplementary benefits. Supplementary benefits required every month are called continuous supplementary benefits.

### Benefits you must ask for

At the time of submitting your application or by submitting a Change in Circumstances form

#### **Additional Shelter**

If your health would be endangered by a move, your accommodation was adapted for your disability or a family member's disability, or your family has six or more people and less expensive accommodation is not available, additional shelter costs may be provided. You will need a letter from a medical doctor or a psychiatrist if your additional shelter cost is for health endangerment.

Rate: up to \$300 per month

#### **Child Care**

An allowance is issued based on the type of child care and actual costs less any subsidy or money received from another source (see Child Care Expenses fact sheet).

#### **Extraordinary Training Travel**

Additional travel costs may be available if you have travel costs because:

- you reside in a different community than the training program and there is no public transportation and it is more economical to commute than move; or
- your spouse/partner is required to use a vehicle as a condition of employment; or
- you have exceptional problems coordinating the transportation of your children to child care.

Rate: most economical option of public transit, taxi or private vehicle at \$0.12 per kilometre

#### **Handicap Benefit**

If you and/or your spouse/partner are newly assessed as severely handicapped or received Income Support as a Not Expected to Work client and were receiving the Handicap Benefit, you will need to complete a Change in Circumstances for Learners Non-EI and request this benefit.

Rate: \$175 per eligible adult per month

#### **Infant Diets**

If your infant requires formula or special diets that are more expensive than the regulated food rate of \$83 per month, the difference between the food rate and the cost of the formula or special diet is provided. You will need a letter from a physician, public health nurse or registered dietician to confirm this need and the monthly cost.

## **Learner Equalization Benefits and Personal Needs Supplement**

You may be eligible for this benefit if you are in a Learner household and:

- You have no children, and
- You and your spouse/partner meet the Not Expected to Work criteria.

Rate: \$30 per adult per month for the Equalization Benefits and \$78 per adult per month for Personal Needs Supplement

## **Medical and Extraordinary Transportation**

If a member of your family has severe health problems and needs on-going regular access to health services paid by Alberta Health and Wellness, you may be eligible for transportation costs.

Rate: most economical option of either public transit, taxi or private vehicle at \$0.12 per kilometre

## **NCBS Replacement Benefit**

If you are not receiving the full federal National Child Benefit Supplement (NCBS) for your child or children, you may be eligible to receive the replacement benefit.

# of Children	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children	Each additional
2004 NCBS Rate	\$125	\$233	\$335	\$436	\$101
2005 NCBS Rate	\$144	\$269	\$387	\$506	\$118

## **Special Diets**

If you or a family member needs a special diet, additional funding may be available. A physician, registered dietician or public health nurse must confirm this need.

If you have a special diet not listed, you may be eligible for special diet funding – up to a maximum of \$20. Contact the Student Funding Contact Centre for more information.

## **Special Need Monthly Rate per Person**

Low sodium, low cholesterol, high calcium, lactose free, high fibre, high protein	\$20
Pregnancy, breast feeding up to six months	\$20
High Calorie (over 2500 calories)	\$36
HIV/AIDS/ Hepatitis C	\$36
Diabetic	\$40
Milk Free	\$50
Celiac, Gluten Free	\$80
Renal Insufficiency	\$110

## **Transportation to Day or Employment Programs**

If your spouse/partner received Income Support as a Not Expected to Work client and is required to attend a day or employment program, your spouse/partner's transportation costs may be covered. Your spouse/partner will need a letter from the provider of the day or employment program confirming they are registered, how often they attend and the length of the program.

Rate: most economical option of public transit, taxi, or private vehicle at \$0.12 per kilometre

## **For More Information**

If you need any further information please contact the Student Funding Contact Centre:

- **Call:** (780) 427-3722 in Edmonton, or toll free 1-800-222-6485 throughout the province. Student funding advisors are available 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.
- **E-mail:** use the secure e-contact e-mail service available at <https://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/studentsfinance/econtact.asp>.