

Appendix II: Supplementary Learner Benefits Recommendations

Clustered Benefits	Non-EI & EI Learners	Apprentices
Shelter	<p>1. Actual costs in excess of core shelter for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household units of 6 or more • Adapted for a disability • Health endangered by move <p>Up to \$300/mo</p> <p>2. Isolated Community Allowance</p>	<p>1-2 plus:</p> <p>Mortgage: actual costs in excess of core shelter for mortgage payments, up to \$900 per month, plus required house insurance and property taxes if being paid on a monthly basis</p> <p>Rent: actual costs in excess of core shelter for rental & utility payments, up to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ft McMurray- \$900 (single, or couples with no children)and \$1200 for single parents or couples with children • 'Higher cost areas' such as Calgary & Grande Prairie- \$500 for one bedroom units and \$700 for two or more bedroom units • \$400 for one bedroom units and \$600 for family units elsewhere in the province, including Edmonton <p>(amounts assume basic shelter rates have incorporated an additional \$100 per month on apprentice rate sheets)</p>
Other Core Essential and Shelter-Related Benefits	<p>4. NCBS (non-EI only)</p> <p>5. High School Incentive</p> <p>6. Learner Equalization Benefit</p> <p>7. Personal Needs Supplement</p> <p>8. Handicap Benefit</p> <p>9. Natal Allowance</p>	<p>5- 13 plus:</p> <p>Second residence: When an apprentice must travel outside their community for technical training, and has a legitimate requirement to maintain two residences during the period of study, can receive a maximum benefit of \$610/month.</p> <p>Out of Province Training: exceptions allowed for border communities such as Lloydminster, Onion Lake, where apprentice is directed to training by an Alberta employer. Additional funding is not always necessary, especially for border communities.</p> <p>At present, EI learners are occasionally approved for out of province training.</p>
Childcare	<p>14. Grandparent /other relatives</p> <p>15. Day Care</p>	<p>16. Day Care Deposit or Registration Fee</p> <p>14-16</p>

Transportation	<p>17. Medical Extraordinary Transportation</p> <p>18. To a Day or Employment Program</p> <p>19. Extraordinary Training Travel</p> <p>20. Non-emergency Travel-related</p>	<p>21. Relocation Allowance</p> <p>22. EI and Apprentices: For out of province travel to occupational training, the client's need is increased by \$600, maximum allowable for return transportation, per 6 month period.</p>	<p>17-22 plus:</p> <p>Car Payment: up to maximum of \$500 per apprentice household, for vehicles required for employment</p> <p>Additional Travel: if public transportation is not a viable option, additional travel costs may be allowed based on \$0.12/km, plus monthly cost of basic PL/PD insurance, maximum is \$310/mo per household, conditions similar to Extraordinary Training Travel.</p> <p>One trip home per month may be allowed if apprentice is required to move to attend technical training, based on \$0.12/km.</p>
Escaping Abuse	<p>23. Escaping Abuse</p> <p>24. Damage Deposit</p>	<p>25. Personal Benefit (see also: Relocation allowance under 'Transportation')</p>	<p>23-25</p>
Health-Related Benefits	<p>26. Health Benefit cards for learners and dependants, will cover optical, dental, prescriptions, etc (see also: 'Medical Extraordinary Transportation' under Transportation)</p> <p>27. Special Diets</p> <p>28. AADAC Allowance: for members of a learner household (see also: non-emergency travel, Transportation)</p>	<p>29. Medical/Surgical Supplies</p> <p>30. EI and Apprentices: for out of province occupational training, can request medical expenses (optical, dental, prescriptions, etc)</p>	<p>26-30</p>
Other benefits	<p>31. Alberta Centennial Education Savings (ACES)</p> <p>32. Children's School Expenses</p> <p>33. Employment Maintenance Allowance</p> <p>34. Employment Training and Transition Supports</p> <p>35. Emergencies</p>	<p>36. Other Expenses</p> <p>37. Funeral Costs</p> <p>38. Repayable benefits</p> <p>39. For EI learners attending training programs of 15 weeks or less, child support payments may be allowed, if there is a history of payments</p>	<p>31-39</p>