

1. Who is eligible?

Eligibility for Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) subsidy is based on the combined taxable income of both the registrant and the registrant's spouse/partner. If your spouse/partner's income information has not already been provided to Alberta Health and Wellness (verbal notification is not accepted), this form is required to determine your continuing eligibility for subsidy. (If your spouse/partner was enrolled in the Premium Subsidy Program at the time he/she was added to your account, your eligibility for subsidy will be automatically reassessed and this form is not required).

2. How do I get my income tax information?

The income tax information we require can be obtained from line 260 on your Notice of Assessment. If you do not have this information, please contact the Canada Revenue Agency to obtain it.

3. How do I know if I am eligible for subsidy?

Your taxable income is used to calculate your eligibility for subsidy. To determine your eligibility, find your family category in Column 1 in the chart. If your combined taxable income is:

- less than the amount in column 2, you qualify for full subsidy.
- more than the amount in column 3, you are not eligible for subsidy.
- between the two amounts, you qualify for partial subsidy.

Column 1	Column 2		Column 3	
Family Category	Full Subsidy		Full Premiums	
	2004 taxable income	2005 taxable income	2004 taxable income	2005 taxable income
Family no children	less than \$21,200	less than \$26,200	more than \$28,240	more than \$33,240
Family with children	less than \$27,210	less than \$32,210	more than \$34,250	more than \$39,250

Use the formula shown in the example below to determine your monthly premium. The example provided is for a family with children with a combined 2005 taxable income of \$34,000 per year.

Example:

Registrant's 2005 taxable income	\$ 22,000	34,000	combined 2005 taxable income
		- 32,210	less 2005 threshold amount from column 2
Spouse's/partner's 2005 taxable income	\$ 12,000	= 1,790	equals income above threshold
		x .15	multiply by the linear rate of subsidy
Combined 2005 taxable income	\$ 34,000	= 268.50	annual premium cost
		÷ 12	divide by 12 months
		= 22.38	total monthly premium

Current premium rates can be found on our website at www.health.gov.ab.ca. To assist you in determining your subsidized monthly premium rate, a subsidy calculator is available on our website at www.health.gov.ab.ca/ahcip/faq/subsidies.html.

4. When do I need to reapply for subsidy for next year?

Your eligibility for subsidy is assessed each year. If you are receiving subsidy for the current year, your subsidy will be automatically renewed or we will send you an application to reapply.

5. Who is the registrant?

The person who has accepted primary responsibility for the AHCIP account.

6. Who is an adult interdependent partner?

An adult interdependent partner is a person who lives together with another person in a relationship of interdependence:

- for a continuous period of not less than 3 years, or
 - of some permanence, if there is a child of the relationship by birth or adoption,
- or
- the person has entered into an adult interdependent partner agreement with the other person.

Individuals who are not married may register under the AHCIP as adult interdependent partners.

The information requested on this application is being collected by Alberta Health and Wellness pursuant to section 20(a) and (b) of the *Health Information Act* and section 33 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the sole purpose of determining or verifying your eligibility to receive a premium subsidy under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, and will not be disclosed to any other person or organization without your approval. If you have any questions regarding the collection of this information, please contact the Client Services Branch at the addresses or telephone numbers provided on the other side of this form.