

FACTSHEET

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Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance

PERSONS WITH PERSISTENT MULTIPLE BARRIERS (PPMB)

- The Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB) category recognizes those individuals who are unable to achieve financial independence because of specific barriers to employment.
- Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers are those individuals who have received assistance for 12 of the last 15 months, and meet the following criteria;
 - Have severe multiple barriers to employment;
 - Have taken all reasonable steps to overcome their barriers; and
 - Have a medical condition (excluding addictions) that has lasted for at least one year, is likely to continue or reoccur frequently for at least two years and which seriously impedes their ability to search for, accept or continue employment; OR,
 - Have a medical condition (excluding addictions) that has lasted for at least one year, is likely to continue or reoccur frequently for at least two years and which, by itself, precludes their ability to search for, accept or continue employment.
- Effective April 1, 2007, the support rates for a family unit with one PPMB client have been standardized so that the support rate will be based on a percentage of what a two-person PPMB family unit receives.
 - In addition, all family units with at least one adult classified as a PPMB are eligible for earnings exemptions of a combined \$500 per month and are eligible for health supplements which include, medical supplies and equipment, extended therapies, \$1,000 dental services every two years and medical transportation.
- All BC Employment and Assistance clients are also eligible for the Medical Services Plan, no deductible Pharmacare, optical and emergency dental coverage.
- PPMB clients are not subject to time limits.

Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers – Income Assistance Rates				
<i>Category</i>	<i>Family Size</i>	<i>Support Rate</i>	<i>Maximum Shelter</i>	<i>Total</i>
Single		\$283	\$375	\$658
Couple (both PPMBs)		\$452	\$570	\$1022
Couple (one PPMB)		\$396	\$570	\$966
Single Parent	One Child	\$424	\$570	\$994
	Two Children	\$424	\$660	\$1084
	Three Children	\$424	\$700	\$1124
	Four Children	\$424	\$750	\$1174
Two Parents (both PPMBs)	One Child	\$546	\$660	\$1206
	Two Children	\$546	\$700	\$1246
	Three Children	\$546	\$750	\$1296
	Four Children	\$546	\$785	\$1331
Two Parents (one PPMB)	One Child	\$490	\$660	\$1150
	Two Children	\$490	\$700	\$1190
	Three Children	\$490	\$750	\$1240
	Four Children	\$490	\$785	\$1275