FACT SHEET: INCOME ASSISTANCE

Applying for Income Assistance Benefits

Nunavummiut, age 18 or older, can apply for Social Assistance Benefits at their local Income Assistance Office.

How it works:

1. The applicant needs to call the local Income Assistance Office to book an appointment. The Income Assistance Worker will tell them what documentation to bring. No application can be processed fully without the appropriate documentation.
2. At the first appointment, the Income Assistance program is reviewed. The applicant may be directed to consult with a Career Development Officer or Inuit Organization pre employment office if they are not currently employed.
3. The documentation and information gathered during the meeting is entered into the Income Support Delivery System (ISDS) and forwarded to a Verification & Investigation Officer for quality assurance.
    - This process should take no more than 3 business days.
    - If information was missing from the application, it will cause delays.
4. Once the application is verified, the applicant meets with the Income Assistance Worker. If there was a budget surplus, the client is not eligible for Social Assistance. If there was a budget deficit they:
    - Sign the Statement and Authorization Form that consents to information sharing and states that the applicant has told the truth in the application.
    - Decide on a Productive Choice (either Career-based or Wellness-based), and develop a Productive Choice Agreement.
5. Eligible Basic Allowance benefits will be provided to the client via cheque to either the client or 3rd party vendors:
    - Rent is paid via a consolidated cheque to Local Housing Authorities for those in Nunavut Housing Corporation units.

- Electricity is paid via a consolidated cheque to Qulliq Energy Corporation.

6. Basic Benefits consist of the Basic Allowance in the below table, and additional entitlements for sundries, room and board, accommodation, fuel, and utilities.
7. Extended Benefits are available for incidentals, expenses related to education and training, household furnishings, damage deposits, emergency assistance and the daycare subsidy.
8. If the client returns the following month a new assessment is completed, based on the preceding month's income.

Nunavut Basic Allowance Table:

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	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Municipalities in zone	Arviat Iqaluit Rankin Inlet	Arctic Bay Baker Lake Cambridge Bay Chesterfield Inlet Gjoa Haven Hall Beach Igloolik Kugluktuk Naujaat Whale Cove	Cape Dorset Kimmirut Pangnirtung Sanikiluaq Taloyoak	Clyde River Coral Harbour Grise Fiord Kugaaruk Pond Inlet Qikiqtarjuaq Resolute
Number of family members	Monthly Allowance			
1	$682	$727	$740	$782
2	$866	$921	$937	$986
3	$1,079	$1,144	$1,163	$1,222
4	$1,373	$1,455	$1,478	$1,553
5	$1,644	$1,742	$1,770	$1,859
6	$1,894	$2,006	$2,038	$2,140
7	$2,123	$2,247	$2,283	$2,396
8	$2,329	$2,464	$2,503	$2,627
9	$2,514	$2,659	$2,700	$2,832
10	$2,678	$2,830	$2,874	$3,013
Each additional family member	$163	$171	$173	$181