

FACTSHEET

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Ministry of Housing and Social Development

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – INCOME ASSISTANCE RATES

- All rates are monthly.
- Shelter rates are based on the number of people in a family.
- In addition to income assistance, low-income families can benefit from a variety of programs offered by both the provincial and federal governments including: Medical Service Plan and PharmaCare coverage, Christmas and School Start-Up Supplements, B.C. Sales Tax Credit, basic dental and optical coverage, GST Credit, National Child Benefit Supplement and the \$100 monthly Universal Child Care Benefit for children under six.

Persons with Disabilities – Income Assistance Rates				
<i>Category</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Maximum Shelter</i>	<i>Total</i>
Single		\$531	\$375	\$906
Couple (one PWD)		\$701	\$570	\$1271
Couple (two PWDs)		\$949	\$570	\$1519
Single Parent	One Child	\$672	\$570	\$1242
	Two Children	\$672	\$660	\$1332
	Three Children	\$672	\$700	\$1372
	Four Children	\$672	\$750	\$1422
	Five Children	\$672	\$785	\$1457
Two Parents where one adult is a PWD	One Child	\$795	\$660	\$1455
	Two Children	\$795	\$700	\$1495
	Three Children	\$795	\$750	\$1545
	Four Children	\$795	\$785	\$1580
	Five Children	\$795	\$820	\$1615
Two Parents where both are PWDs	One Child	\$1043	\$660	\$1703
	Two Children	\$1043	\$700	\$1743
	Three Children	\$1043	\$750	\$1793
	Four Children	\$1043	\$785	\$1828
	Five Children	\$1043	\$820	\$1863

Notes:

- Shelter increments continue to increase by an additional \$35 for each additional dependant after unit size seven.
- Disability assistance is paid in the month following designation. In cases where designation occurs prior to the individual's 18th birthday, payments begin in the month of the 18th birthday.