



CRISIS SUPPLEMENT

Crisis Supplements are additional funds that the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction's (MSDPR) may issue when an individual faces an **unexpected immediate need**. A crisis supplement is intended to aid the client in an emergency when all other resources have been exhausted.

When you are applying for a Crisis Supplement, it's important to note that you have **NO** money to pay for the needed items, you **CANNOT** get them from other sources, and you **NEED** them right away.

Who is Eligible?

Crisis supplements can be given to individuals or a family unit who are eligible for Income Assistance (IA), Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB), Persons with Disabilities (PWD), or Individuals on Hardship Assistance.

A list of current crisis supplements that may be provided are:

- Clothing crisis supplement
- Food crisis supplement
- Shelter crisis supplement

To Qualify for a Crisis Supplement

Your situation must meet these requirements:

- It is an unexpected cost or the person needs to purchase an item unexpectedly and the following must apply:
 - No money is readily available for you to meet the need and if the need isn't met it will put you in fast-approaching danger to your physical health or a person in the family unit.
 - This crisis could end up resulting in the removal of a child under the Family and Community Service Act.

It is a good idea to explain to the Ministry how you meet these requirements. They will most likely ask a series of questions relating to the above when you request a crisis supplement.

Supplement Limits:

The Ministry **may** limit supplements by when they are given and what they are used for.

A supplement may:

- Only be **given in the month** that the application was made in.
- **Not** be given if it is going to be used to get health care goods, services or Schedule C supplements (extended medical benefits for Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB) status, or Person with Disabilities (PWD) status).

What does "unexpected" mean?

Sometimes sudden expenses come up which you did not budget for.

What does "immediate need" mean?

You are in emergency need of the item or need money to meet a food, shelter, or medical emergency.



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Dollar Amount Limit on Crisis Supplements:

The Ministry also **restricts** the dollar amount of supplement that can be given for food, clothing and shelter. These are:

Type of Crisis Supplement	Maximum Amount
Food	Up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20.00 per person per month
Clothing	Up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100.00 per person per year Can have up to a maximum of 4 people (per year)
Shelter	Restricted to the actual cost, up the maximum shelter allowance
Annual Maximum	The total amount of crisis supplements in a 12 month period cannot be more than twice the amount of assistance you receive

IMPORTANT: You **DO NOT** have to pay back a crisis supplements!

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