



## INCOME ASSISTANCE SUMMARY SHEET

The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) governs and delivers the Income Assistance program. If you are in need and have no other resources, you may be eligible for income assistance. This can help support your transition to employment. You may be eligible if you find yourself in any of these situations: out of work, waiting for other sources of income to arrive, can't work at all or urgently in need of food, shelter or medical attention. The ministry can only give available resources to people who meet eligibility criteria. You must look for and use all other sources of income and assets before you apply.

The Income Assistance application is a 2-stage process:

1. Assessment;
2. Eligibility determination.

### The Different Categories of Income Assistance (IA):

Employable (Regular IA)	Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB)	Person with Disabilities (PWD)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Employment Plan</li> <li>✓ Basic Medical &amp; Emergency Dental Only</li> <li>✓ Earnings Exemption - \$400 /month</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No Employment Related Obligations</li> <li>✓ Schedule C Benefits</li> <li>✓ Earnings Exemption - \$700/month</li> <li>✓ Medical Verification Required (Medical Form Completed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ No Employment Related Obligations</li> <li>✓ Schedule C Benefits</li> <li>✓ Earnings Exemption - Annualized Amount: \$12,000 (equivalent to \$1000/month)</li> <li>✓ PWD Application <b>Must Be Completed</b></li> </ul>

#### Temporary Medical Conditions

- “Soft” Employment Plan that will move them to employment
- Basic Medical & Emergency Dental Only
- Earnings Exemption - \$400/month
- Medical Verification Required (Medical Form)

#### Sole Recipient with Disabled Child

- Dependant special needs or disabled child where the single person caring for the child is unable to work more than 30 hours/week
- Will have an Employment Plan and continued employment obligations, and restrictions of caring for disabled child is reflected in the plan
- Medical Confirmation Required (Reviewed every 12 months)
- Earnings Exemption - \$700/month

#### No Employment Related Obligations (NEO)

This category includes: PPMB, single parents, foster parents or people with “child in home of a relative” where the child is under the age of 3; people in hospital, treatment facilities or rehab; person unable to leave home because of caring for a disabled spouse; person has left an abusive relationship in the past six month; person has reached the age of 65 etc.



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### Requirements to Apply for PPMB & PWD:

#### Person with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB)

- To apply, the person meets eligibility criteria of:
  - receiving income assistance for 12 out of the past 15 months
  - complete employment screening - “barriers to employment” and if the score is:
    - 15 or more, the person must then show the Ministry that they have a condition that “**impedes**” them from searching for, accepting or continuing in employment.
    - 14 and below must then prove to the Ministry that the person is **precluded from** searching for, accepting or continuing employment
  - The condition must have existed for at least one year and is confirmed by the physician that it will continue to exist for two more years.
    - *Medical Verification Required (Medical Form Completed)*

#### Person with Disabilities (PWD)

- To apply, the person meets eligibility criteria of:
  - **Severe mental or physical impairment/s;**
  - **Doctor confirmed will likely continue for at least two years;**
  - The person “**is directly and significantly restricted in their ability to perform daily living activities**” (personal care, taking medication, budgeting, banking, housekeeping, grocery shopping, transportation etc.);
  - **Either continuously or periodically for extended periods of time and;**
  - **Require significant help or supervision from “another person” or “assistive device” or “assistive animal”** to manage their daily living activities.
    - *PWD Application must be completed.*

\*The above information is based on a single person family status

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