

This is a summary of financial benefits that Learners may receive from the Alberta Works Program. Eligibility and Learner Income Support rates are governed by the *Income and Employment Supports Act and Regulations*.

Effective February 1, 2017

Rates and eligibility criteria may be subject to change.

Core Benefits

Core Essential: Includes food, clothing (including diapers), household needs (including furniture, appliances & household supplies), personal needs, installation and use of a telephone, laundry, transportation (including school transportation or costs associated with owning a vehicle), and moves within Alberta.

Core Shelter: Includes rent, mortgage, utilities (except for electricity in social housing), heating fuel, municipal taxes, insurance, condominium fees, lot rental, and homeowner’s maintenance and damage deposit. Social housing residents may receive actual electricity costs. Total cost of shelter and electricity for social housing residents cannot exceed maximum private shelter rates.

Monthly Core Benefits for Learners							
Household Composition	Core Essential	Core Shelter			Total Core Benefits		
		Living w. Relatives*	Social Housing	Private Housing	Living w. Relatives*	Social Housing	Private Housing
Single Adult	\$524	\$100	\$120	\$323	\$624	\$644	\$847
Adult - 1 Child	\$901	\$100	\$212	\$546	\$1,001	\$1,113	\$1,447
Adult - 2 Children	\$961	\$100	\$260	\$566	\$1,061	\$1,221	\$1,527
Adult - 3 Children	\$1,034	\$100	\$317	\$586	\$1,134	\$1,351	\$1,620
Adult - 4 Children	\$1,103	\$100	\$377	\$606	\$1,203	\$1,480	\$1,709
Adult - 5 Children	\$1,172	\$100	\$437	\$626	\$1,272	\$1,609	\$1,798
Adult - 6 Children	\$1,243	\$100	\$496	\$646	\$1,343	\$1,739	\$1,889
Childless Couple	\$646	\$100	\$193	\$436	\$746	\$839	\$1,082
Couple - 1 Child	\$1,197	\$100	\$262	\$575	\$1,297	\$1,459	\$1,772
Couple - 2 Children	\$1,265	\$100	\$317	\$595	\$1,365	\$1,582	\$1,860
Couple - 3 Children	\$1,333	\$100	\$377	\$605	\$1,433	\$1,710	\$1,938
Couple - 4 Children	\$1,401	\$100	\$437	\$625	\$1,501	\$1,838	\$2,026
Couple - 5 Children	\$1,469	\$100	\$496	\$645	\$1,569	\$1,965	\$2,114
Couple - 6 Children	\$1,540	\$100	\$555	\$665	\$1,640	\$2,095	\$2,205
Additional Children	\$56	\$0	\$0	\$20	\$56	\$56	\$76
Each child 18-19 add**	\$164	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$164	\$164	\$164

Note: *Relative is defined as a parent, step-parent, adoptive parent, grandparent, adult child or adult grandchild of one of the adults living in the household unit.

18 and 19 year old dependents must be attending high school. Benefit applies to **Non-EI learners only.

Continuous Supplementary Benefits

These benefits provide funds to meet specific, ongoing needs, while in training. Only a sample of benefits is listed. For a complete listing of Supplementary Benefits and eligibility criteria, visit the Alberta Works On-line Policy Manual at <http://humanservices.alberta.ca/awonline/>

Childcare

- **Daycare Rate:** Actual parent portion after subsidy is applied
- **Private Rate:** Up to \$4/hr for the 1st child plus \$1.50/hr for each additional child, (to a maximum of \$8.25/hr)
- **Grandparent Rate:** \$150/month per child
Grandparent must not reside in same household as child

Special Diet (Monthly Rate per Person)

- Low Sodium:** **Rate: \$20**
- Low Cholesterol or Low Fat** (do not issue for both): **Rate: \$20**
- Low or High Potassium** (do not issue for both): **Rate: \$20**
- Lactose Free \$20, Milk Free** (do not issue for both): **Rate: \$50**
- High Calcium:** **Rate: \$20**
- High Fibre:** **Rate: \$20**
- High Protein:** **Rate: \$20**
- Pregnancy:** **Rate: \$25**
- Infant Formula:** Difference between child food rate of \$83/month and actual formula cost (up to maximum of \$200/month)
- Breast Feeding** (up to 12 months): **Rate: \$30**
- High Calorie** (over 2500 Calories): **Rate: \$36**
- AIDS/HIV or Hepatitis C** (do not issue for both): **Rate: \$36**
- Diabetic or Heart Healthy** (do not issue for both): **Rate: \$40**
- Celiac or Gluten Free** (do not issue for both): **Rate: \$80**
- Renal Failure/Insufficiency:** **Rate: \$110**

Medical Extraordinary Transportation

To access AHCIP Medical Services for severe health issues.
Rate: Actual cost for bus pass, taxi or \$0.12/km

Extraordinary Training Travel

Learner lives in a different community from where the training program is located **and** no public transportation is available.
Rate: \$0.12/km

Child Supplement Allowance (Non-EI Only)

Issued if the learner is not eligible for the maximum federal child benefit amount.

Additional Shelter

Actual cost in excess of core shelter for:
 • Household units of six or more
 • Accommodation adapted for a disability
 • Situations where a move would endanger health
Rate: \$300/month (maximum)

High Cost Community Modifier

For private housing located in Fort McMurray.
Rate: \$300/month (maximum)

Non Continuous Supplementary Benefits

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Employment Training & Transition Support

For expenses associated with training and employment preparation programs.

Rate: Actual Cost up to \$500 per calendar year

Children's School Expenses

- Ages 4 or 5 attending Kindergarten **Rate:** \$50
- Ages 6 to 11 or in grades 1 to 6..... **Rate:** \$100
- Ages 12 or older in grades 7 to 12 **Rate:** \$175

Day Care Deposit

Rate: Issued when required to secure day care.

Rate: Actual Cost

Natal Allowance

Supplies for Newborn.

Rate: \$250/child

Medical Surgical Supplies

Rate: Actual Cost up to \$2,000

Utilities

Issued once for each utility. After first issue, repayment required.

- **Utility Connection:** Actual Cost
- **Utility Deposit:** Actual Cost

Special Transportation and Travel Payment

To reach safety, receive treatment, comply with Child Support Services or appear in criminal court.

- **Travel:** Public transportation cost or \$0.12/km
- **Accommodation:** Actual cost
- **Food Rate per Day:** \$10/adult and \$5/child daily
- **Childcare:** Most reasonable cost option

Residential Addictions Treatment

For residential treatment in an Alberta Health Services operated/funded facility OR a facility approved by the Minister.

Rate: \$40/day

Temporary Child Supplement Allowance (Non-EI Only)

Issued if the learner is not receiving the total federal child benefit amount. Subject to repayment.

Escaping Abuse

- **Escaping Abuse Benefit:** **Rate:** \$1000 (max)
- **Damage Deposit:** **Rate:** Up to Private Core Shelter
- **Emergency Transportation:** **Rate:** Actual Cost or \$0.12/km
- **Telephone & Transportation:** ... **Rate:** \$90/month (up to 6 months)

Emergency Allowances

Childcare

Rate: Most reasonable cost option

Damage Deposit

Available once every 3 years

Rate: Actual cost up to \$350 for families without children

Rate: Actual cost up to \$1,000 for families with children

Eviction Prevention Benefit

After first issue, repayment required.

Rate: Actual cost up to \$350 for families without children

Rate: Actual cost up to \$1,000 for families with children

Food (Non-Travel)

Rate: \$22/adult and \$14/child monthly

Food (Travel)

Rate: \$10/adult and \$5/child daily

Replacement Clothes

Rate: \$214/adult and \$160/child

Transportation

Rate: Actual public transportation cost or \$0.12/km

Utility Arrears

After first issue, repayment required.

Rate: Actual cost

Other Emergency Needs:

Director's Approval Required

Rate: \$1,000 (max)

Health Benefits

All Learners receive health benefits for themselves and their dependants, unless they receive coverage through the federal government or from their employer. Health benefits cover basic dental care, eye exams, glasses, prescriptions, essential diabetic supplies and emergency ambulance services.

Earnings Exemption

Learner households can increase monthly income by working. The household keeps all wages and only a portion of income may be used to calculate monthly Income Support.

Adults

- **Learner:** 100% of net employment income is exempt
- **Spouse/Partner of Learner:** First \$230 of income, plus 25% of any amount over \$230 is exempt, each month.

Dependant Children

- **Attending School:** 100% of net employment income is exempt
- **Not Attending School:** First \$350 of income, plus 25% of any amount over \$350 is exempt, each month.

Other Resources Available to Learners

Eligibility, for the resources listed below, is based on the previous year's household income. To qualify, Learners **must** file an Income Tax Return.

- **Goods and Services Tax Credit (GST)**
GST credit is paid quarterly.
- **Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB)**
WITB is paid quarterly.
- **Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit (AFETC)**
AFETC is paid January and July to families with children.
- **Canada Child Benefit (CCB)**
CCB is paid monthly.
- **Alberta Child Benefit (ACB)**
ACB is paid quarterly.

For questions about your Funding Decision letter call the Learner Income Support Office Toll free: 1-800-222-6485 or in Edmonton: 780-427-3722