

**INCOME ASSISTANCE ACT**  
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**SOCIAL ASSISTANCE REGULATIONS, amendment**

The Commissioner, on the recommendation of the Minister and the Financial Management Board, under sections 16 and 17 of the *Income Assistance Act* and every enabling power, makes the annexed amendment to the *Social Assistance Regulations*.

1. **The *Social Assistance Regulations* are amended by these regulations.**
2. **The regulations are renamed the *Income Assistance Regulations*.**
3. **Section 1 is amended**
  - (a) **by renumbering it as subsection 1(1);**
  - (b) **in subsection (1) by adding the following definition in alphabetical order:**

"disabled" means having physical or mental impairments

- (a) that significantly restrict the ability to perform daily living activities,
    - (i) permanently, or
    - (ii) temporarily for at least six months,
  - (b) that result in requiring assistance with daily living activities, and
  - (c) that medical treatment would not heal; (*handicapée*)
- (c) **by adding the following after subsection (1):**

(2) The length of time a person is disabled for the purposes of these regulations is evidenced by the expected duration of the physical or mental impairments that is indicated on a single disability certificate provided by a medical practitioner or by a person in a health care profession approved by the Director.

4. **Section 20 is amended by**
  - (a) **repealing paragraph (3)(b) and substituting the following:**
    - (b) net income from hunting, trapping, fishing, business operations and other self-employment, but not including unearned income as set out in subsection (4).
  - (b) **adding the following after paragraph (5)(m.1):**
    - (m.2) in respect of a person who has not attained the age of 60 years and is not disabled, the value of assets to a total of
      - (i) \$500 in the case of an applicant who has no dependants, or
      - (ii) \$1000 in the case of an applicant who has one or more dependants;
  - (c) **repealing subsection (6) and substituting the following:**
    - (6) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(b) the following shall be considered as allowable income:
      - (a) in the case of an applicant who has no dependants,
        - (i) the first \$200 of earned income, and
        - (ii) half of the next \$600 of earned income; or
      - (b) in the case of an applicant who has one or more dependants,
        - (i) the first \$400 of earned income, and
        - (ii) half of the next \$600 of earned income.

**5. Section 3 of Schedule B is repealed and the following substituted:**

**3.** (1) An incidental allowance of \$250 may be granted as an extended benefit to a person who is disabled permanently, or temporarily for more than one year.

(2) An incidental allowance of \$175 may be granted as an extended benefit to a person, other than a person described in subsection (1), who has attained the age of 60 years.

(3) An incidental allowance of \$125 may be granted as an extended benefit to a person, other than a person described in subsection (1) or (2), who is disabled temporarily for at least six months.

**6. These regulations come into force on July 1, 2017.**