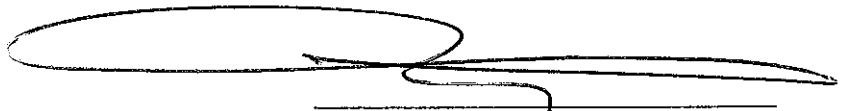


MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. 75/2011

I, THOMAS A. LUKASZUK, Minister of Employment and Immigration, in accordance with s.24 and Schedules 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Income Support, Training and Health Benefits Regulation under the *Income and Employment Supports Act*, determine the amount or value of exempt assets, exempt financial resources and determine the amount or value of certain core and supplementary income support payments or allowances and the frequencies of those payments or allowances as set out in the attached Appendix.

This Ministerial Order takes effect August 1, 2011

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta this 29 day of June, 2011.

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Thomas A. Lukaszuk
Minister
Employment and Immigration

APPENDIX

Budgetary Requirements - Core Income Support

Barriers to Full Employment and Expected to Work or Working Household Units

Section 24(2)(a)(ii) - For the purpose of determining the amount of the core essential benefit that may be provided by the Director when the Director determines that a household unit's need for the core essential payment is limited to food only, the following chart of household composition and amounts per month shall be applied and considered to be the maximum core essential payment, as a budgetary requirement, under this section.

(a) one adult in a one adult household unit	\$143
(b) each adult in a 2-adult household unit	\$137
(c) each dependent child in a household unit	\$83

Section 24(2)(a)(iv) – For the purpose of determining the amount of the core essential payment for each adult in a household unit living in a group home or in an approved home, the amount per month is the amount set out in the Core Essential Payment Table in Schedule 5 less \$143.

Schedule 1 Exempt Assets

Barriers to Full Employment/Expected to Work or Working Household Units

Section 1(1)(l) - a Registered Retirement Savings Plan with a value of \$5000 or less per adult member of a Barriers to Full Employment or Expected to Work or Working household unit is considered to be an exempt asset under this section.

Section 1(1)(n) – An asset purchased by a member of a Barriers to Full Employment or Expected to Work or Working household unit with money from the following types of payments, which are exempted as financial resources under Schedule 2, section 1, is considered an exempt asset:

Type of Payment
Roth/Fifield Class Action Settlement Agreement from the Government of Alberta
A Slave Lake Wildfire Relief Payment or a payment under the Emergency Accommodation Program to persons subject to the mandatory evacuation order issued by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency in May 2011.
A payment under the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement
A payment under the Extraordinary Assistance Plan

Learner household units

Section 2(1)(o) An asset purchased by a member of a learner household unit with money from the following types of payments, which are exempted as financial resources under Schedule 2, section 1, is considered an exempt asset:

Type of Payment
Roth/Fifield Class Action Settlement Agreement from the Government of Alberta
A Slave Lake Wildfire Relief Payment or a payment under the Emergency Accommodation Program to persons subject to the mandatory evacuation order issued by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency in May 2011.
A payment under the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement
A payment under the Extraordinary Assistance Plan

Schedule 2 Exempt Financial Resources

Section 1(1)(j) - A payment received by a member of a household unit from the Government of Alberta under the Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement Program to supplement rent costs, is considered an exempt financial resource under this section.

Section 1(1)(p) - An award or prize received by a member of the household unit in recognition of outstanding academic or community achievement is an exempt financial resource under this section up to a maximum amount of \$3,500 in a 12 month period from August 1 to July 31. The Director may apportion the amount over the number of years in respect of which the prize or award was given.

Section 1(1)(q) - A cash gift of a non-recurring nature is exempt up to an amount not exceeding a maximum value of \$900 each year for each member of the household.

Section 1(1)(s) - a payment of the type set out in the following table is an exempt financial resource under this section in the month that the payment is received.

Type of Payment	Amount of Payment
Duncan First National Land Settlement Claim	\$1,000
O'Chiese First Nations Land Settlement Claim	\$5,000 for every adult and \$5,000 in trust for every child
Bigstone Cree Nation and Peerless Trout First Nation Treaty 8 Land Settlement	\$3,500 for every adult and \$3,500 in trust for every child
Mikisew Cree First Nation Settlement Agreement	\$10,000 for every adult and \$10,000 in trust for every child

Section 1(1)(x) - a compensation payment from the Government of Canada or Alberta of a type set out in the following table will be considered an exempt financial resource under this section.

Type of Payment
1. A payment received to the 1986-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement other than: (A) a payment under section 4.02 of the Agreement for loss of income, or (B) a payment under section 6.01 of the Agreement for loss of support resulting from the death of the infected person.
2. A payment received under the Pre-1986/Post-1990 Hepatitis C Settlement Agreement.
3. A payment received from the government of a province or territory of Canada as compensation for a member of the household unit having been infected with the HIV virus through the blood supply.
4. A payment received by a member of a household unit as a common experience payment or as an independent assessment process payment under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.
5. A payment under the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement.
6. A payment under the Extraordinary Assistance Plan.

Section 1(1)(y) – a payment from the Government of Canada or Alberta of a type set out in the following table will be considered an exempt financial resource in the month that it is received under this section.

Type of Payment	Amount of Payment
Roth/Fifield Class Action Settlement Agreement from the Government of Alberta	Varying amounts
Siksika Land Settlement Claim from the Government of Alberta re Bassano Dam	\$1,500
A payment made under a Government of Alberta program for the maintenance costs of a person to whom a member of the household unit is providing or is responsible for providing care	100% of the payment
A Slave Lake Wildfire Relief Payment or a payment under the Emergency Accommodation Program to persons subject to the mandatory evacuation order issued by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency in May 2011.	100% of the payment

Schedule 3
Excess of Certain Assets (Learners)

Section 1(b) – the amount of Registered Retirement Savings Plan holdings determined for the purpose of this section is \$100,000. Combined holdings of a learner household unit over this amount will be considered excess assets.

Schedule 4

Supplementary Income Support

Pursuant to **Section 1 of Schedule 4** the Minister can determine the amount or value of a supplementary income support payment or allowance and the frequency under which the payment or allowance may be provided.

The amounts or values and the frequency of payments or allowances are as follows:

Section 2 – Handicap - \$175 per month for a member of a household.

Section 3 – Personal Needs - \$78 per month per adult member of a Barriers to Employment Household Unit.

Section 4 – Earnings Replacement - \$86 per month to an Expected to Work or Working household unit.

Section 6 - Special transportation and travel - Where the Director has determined that a special transportation and travel payment may be provided and the most economical and reasonable means of travel is a personal vehicle:

- \$0.12 per kilometer;

Where the Director has determined this payment may be provided for a daily food allowance:

- \$10 per day for an adult member and \$5 per day for a child.

Section 7 - Training transportation - \$0.12 per kilometer to a learner household unit for the use of a personal vehicle to attend an approved training program.

Section 8 (a) and (b)- Additional shelter - up to a maximum of \$300 per month for a household unit, other than an apprentice full-time learner household unit. An apprentice full-time learner household unit does not receive an allowance under this section.

Section 8 (c) - Additional Shelter- where the additional shelter allowance is being provided because the Director is satisfied the health of a member of the household unit would be endangered by a move to a more affordable accommodation, the Director may provide up to \$300 per month for the additional shelter cost for a period that does not exceed the greater of:

- 3 months, or
- in a household unit in the full time learner category the length of the full time learner member's training period.

The Director may renew an amount provided under Schedule 4, s.8 (c) for subsequent 3 month periods if the Director is satisfied the conditions continue to exist.

Section 9 - Isolated community – \$40 per month for each member of a household unit.

Section 10 - High cost community – the following list of communities shall be designated high cost communities and the rates shall be applied to the appropriate household unit other than apprentice full-time learner household units who are not eligible for an allowance under this section:

Household Units	Name of Community	Rate of Benefit
Full-time EI and Non-EI Learner household units	Fort McMurray	Maximum of \$300 per household

Section 11 – Housing – apprentice – the following list of communities and rates shall be applied per full-time apprentice learner household unit for the purposes of this section:

Benefit	Family Type	Fort McMurray	Calgary/ Grande Prairie	Elsewhere in Alberta including Edmonton (excluding Ft. McMurray, Calgary, Grande Prairie)
Mortgage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singles/couples with no children Single parents/ couples with children 	Maximum of \$900/month	Maximum of \$900/month	Maximum of \$900/month
Rent	Singles/Couples with no children	Maximum of \$900/month	Maximum of \$500/month	Maximum of \$400/month
Rent	Single parents/couples with children	Maximum of \$1200/month	Maximum of \$700/month	Maximum of \$600/month

Section 12 – Temporary accommodation – apprentice – for an apprentice full-time learner household unit, an allowance of up to \$610 per month or travel costs at \$0.12 per kilometer for the apprentice full-time learner's one return trip home per month.

Section 13 – Relocation – a relocation payment will be the actual costs of the move where the circumstances under the regulation apply and provided the move is by the most reasonable and economic means.

Section 14 – Household start-up – institution or abuse

Under Schedule 4, section 14(a), where the household unit was living in an institution and is moving back into the community a household startup payment may be made as follows:

- up to \$1000 for the cost of a household establishing a principal residence. Issued only once in the lifetime of the applicant or recipient.

Under Schedule 4, section 14(b) where the household unit is required to leave its existing principle residence to establish a new principle residence to escape abuse a household startup payment may be made as follows:

- \$1000 for the cost of establishing a new principal residence; and
- the actual costs of a damage deposit up to a maximum amount which is equivalent to the applicable core shelter payment for that household unit.

Section 15 – Employment training and transition support –the following costs and rates shall be applied:

Household Units	Rate of Allowance
Provide to an adult member in a household unit who is seeking employment, working and requires assistance to cover the costs of working, or who is applying for or participating in a training or employment program.	<p>For each adult member in the household unit, a maximum of \$500 per calendar year for the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • application, deposit, registration or testing fees required before the start of classes for a training or employment program referred to in this section; • costs associated with operating a vehicle; • costs for work clothing; • costs for transportation.
Provide to an adult member of a Barriers to Full Employment household unit who requires regular access to a day or employment program.	<p>For an adult member in a Barriers to a Full Employment household:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual cost of a monthly transit pass where public transportation is available; or • \$0.12 per kilometer for use of a personal vehicle where there is no public transportation; or • Actual cost of a taxi

Section 16 – Child care – the following maximum rates shall be applied as follows:

- For child care provided by a relative, the actual cost up to a maximum of \$150 per month per dependent child.
- For other private child care, the actual child care costs up to a maximum of \$4 per hour for the first child plus \$1.50 per hour for each additional child to a maximum of \$8.25 per hour. Rates are rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Section 17 – Natal and adoptive needs – a payment of \$250 per child for equipment and clothing costs.

Section 18 – Registered Education Savings Plan – for the purposes of this section, a payment of \$100 to cover expenses related to setting up a Registered Education Savings Plan.

Section 19 – Child school expense – the following maximum rates for school expenses shall be applied for each dependent child being educated under the *School Act*.

- a) \$50 a year per child in kindergarten;
- b) \$100 a year per child in grades 1 to 6;
- c) \$175 a year per child in grades 7 to 12.

Section 20 – Abusive situation – the following rates shall be applied under this section:

- a) telephone service in an amount of \$30 per month; and
- b) transportation in an amount of \$60 per month.

Section 21 – Special diet – where a special diet allowance is to be paid, the following rates, which represent the difference between the regulated food rate and the cost of the specific established special diets, shall be applied under this section:

Special Diets	Monthly Rate Per Adult or Child
Low Sodium	\$20
Low Cholesterol or Low Fat	\$20
High Fibre	\$20
High Calcium	\$20
High Protein	\$20
Lactose Free	\$20
Low or High Potassium	\$20
Baby's needs – Pregnancy	\$25
Baby's needs – Breast feeding mother (of baby up to 12 months old)	\$30
Baby's needs – Infant formula	Up to \$200
High Calorie (over 2,500 calories)	\$36
HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C	\$36
Diabetic or Heart Healthy	\$40
Milk Free	\$50
Celiac/Gluten Free	\$80
Renal Failure/Insufficiency	\$110

If an individual requires more than one special diet the rates for both diets are issued, except in the circumstances noted above.

Section 22 – Residential addictions treatment - an allowance of up to \$40 per day for room and board for an adult member of a household unit living in one of the following list of residential facilities shall be applied per household unit:

Client Category	Name of Residential Facility	Rate
Expected to Work or Working, Barriers to Full Employment, full-time Apprentices, EI and Non-EI full-time learners	<p>Bonnyville Bonnyville Indian Métis Rehabilitation Centre</p> <p>Calgary Aventa Addiction Treatment for Women Fresh Start Recovery Centre Oxford House Recovery Acres Society - Calgary Salvation Army Centre of Hope Sunrise Native Addiction Services Society Simon House Youville Women's Residence</p> <p>Claresholm Lander Treatment Centre</p> <p>Drumheller Grace House</p> <p>Edmonton Henwood Treatment Centre Jellinek House McDougall House Association Our House Oxford House Recovery Acres Society - Edmonton Salvation Army - Anchorage program</p> <p>Grande Prairie Business & Industry Clinic Northern Addictions Centre - Residential Treatment Program</p> <p>High Level Action North Recovery Centre</p> <p>Lethbridge South Country Treatment Centre</p> <p>Lloydminster Walter A. "Slim" Thorpe Recovery Centre</p> <p>St. Albert Poundmaker's Lodge Treatment Centres</p>	Up to a maximum of \$40 per day

The above rate of allowance for residential addictions treatment payments comes into effect August 1, 2011 for clients who were entering a facility on or after August 1, 2011 regardless of whether or not they were in a similar facility at some time in the past.

For clients in a residential addictions facility prior to August 1, 2011, this Ministerial Order will not apply and the former section Schedule 3, section 16 of the Income Supports, Health and Training Benefits Regulation AR 60/2004 will continue to be in place until the treatment ends. For greater certainty, if a client moves facilities on or after August 1, 2011 and as long as there is no break in treatment, this Ministerial Order will not apply.

Section 23 – Utility access – for the utility access payment, the actual costs of a connection charge, reconnection charge or deposit for a utility service.

Section 24 – Income tax – the amount or value of the payment for the purpose of paying the Government of Canada income tax related to the provision of income support and benefits or training benefits on behalf of an Apprentice or an EI full-time learner household shall be the amount calculated by the Director.

Section 25 – Funeral – the amount of the funeral payment will be at rates determined in accordance with an agreement entered into between the Minister and the service provider.

Section 26 – Emergency – the following emergency payment amounts apply for this section:

- a) replacement clothes, to a maximum of \$214 for each adult member and \$160 for each dependent child in the household unit;
- b) food:
 - (i) \$10 per day for an adult member and \$5 per day for a dependent child where the individual is outside of the community where he or she resides for more than a 24-hour period, or
 - (ii) \$22 per month for each adult member in the household unit and \$14 per month for each dependent child in the household unit if they are within the community where they reside;
- c) accommodation, the actual cost of reasonable accommodation as approved by the Director for up to 2 weeks or until alternate accommodation is found;
- d) rental arrears, the actual cost of rental arrears to a maximum of:
 - (i) if the household unit has dependent children, \$1000, or
 - (ii) if the household unit does not have dependent children, \$350;
- e) damage deposit, the actual cost of a damage deposit to a maximum of:
 - (i) if the household unit has dependent children, \$1000, or
 - (ii) if the household unit does not have dependent children, \$350

A household unit is not eligible to receive an emergency payment for a damage deposit if the household unit has received a benefit for that purpose within the previous 3 years;

- f) utility bills, the actual cost for the purpose of paying unpaid utility bills;
- g) essential repairs to the home and major appliances, the actual cost of essential repairs to the home and major appliances by the household unit that are required to address a serious health or safety risk;
- h) goods and services not described in clauses (a) to (g) to a maximum amount of \$1000 and paid only once in respect of each set of circumstances.