Eligibility

AiSH
Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped

What are the Eligibility Criteria for AISH?

Severe Handicap

- You must have a severe handicap that substantially limits your ability to earn a living. Your disability must be the main factor limiting your ability to earn a living. Other factors such as age or level of education are not considered in determining eligibility.
- Your disability must be permanent.
- There must be no training, rehabilitation or medical treatment that would help you be able to work enough to earn a livelihood.

Income and Assets

- Your income and the income of your cohabiting partner must not exceed the limits allowed under the program.
- Your assets and the assets of your cohabiting partner must not exceed the limits allowed under the program.
- You must apply for all other income benefits you are eligible for (e.g. Canada Pension Plan Disability benefits).
- You must claim or collect the benefit of any asset you are eligible to receive.

Age

- You must be 18 years or older, and not eligible to receive an Old Age Security pension.

Residency

- You must be a permanent resident of Alberta.
- You must not be residing in an institution (e.g. a correctional centre or a psychiatric hospital).

Information regarding the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program is available at **www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/aish** or by calling the Alberta Supports Contact Centre toll-free at 1-877-644-9992 or 780-644-9992 in the Edmonton area. You can also call 310-0000 to be connected to an AISH office nearest you.

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