Don't forget to claim your age-related benefits

Our records show that you will soon be turning 60. You may have thousands of dollars in benefits waiting for you to claim.

You are currently receiving:

| Under 60 | | |
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| Provincial Benefits | Single | If you have a spouse or common-law partner |
| Social Assistance | \$637 - \$786 / month | \$1,017 - \$1,119 / month |

Start applying now for the benefits that you are eligible for.

As with most things, there is some paperwork involved. Depending on the benefit, the application process could take several weeks to complete. It's a good idea to start applying early. Don't worry, if you have questions or need help, support is available (see bottom of page 3 for more information).

| Age 60+ Apply Now! | | | |
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| Federal Benefits | How much could I get? | How do I apply? | |
| Canada Pension Plan (CPP) (Age 60+) | Amount depends on how much money and for how long you paid into the CPP. | Apply online using your My Service Canada Account (MSCA). Visit www.canada.ca/msca. To apply by paper, download and print the application at www.canada.ca (search 'CPP'). | |
| Allowance Program (Age 60-64) If your spouse or common-law partner is eligible to receive the Guaranteed Income supplement (GIS – for 65+), you may qualify. | Maximum payment amount \$1,305.71 / month Your spouse or commonlaw partner must be receiving GIS for you to qualify for the Allowance Program. | Apply online using your My Service Canada Account (MSCA). Visit www.canada.ca/msca. To apply by paper, download the application and the Statement of Income form at www.canada.ca (search 'Guaranteed Income Supplement'). | |

Low Income Seniors benefit (Age 60+)

To qualify, you must be receiving at least one of the following federal benefits:

- Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Allowance for Survivor Program
- Allowance Program (between 60 and 64 years old)

\$400.00 / year

If both spouses/commonlaw partners live in the same household, only **one \$400.00** benefit will be granted.

If spouses live separately (for example, one residing in a nursing home), both will be eligible for the benefit.

- A \$200 affordability supplement will automatically be issued to you if you received the \$400 Low-Income Seniors' Benefit for the 2023 benefit year.
- If you are eligible to receive this benefit, but have not yet applied, you have until December 31, 2023 to apply. You would receive the full amount of \$600 (\$400 benefit plus \$200 supplement) in January 2024.
- Applications for the 2024-2025 benefit year to receive the \$400 Low-Income Seniors' Benefit and \$200 Affordability Supplement will open on April 1, 2024.
- Apply online or by paper yearly. Visit **socialsupportsnb.ca/lisb**.

POTENTIAL AMOUNT

\$1,355 + \$CPP / Month (amount varies depending on income + eligibility).

If you have worked and have a disability, you may qualify for the following:

Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefits (Age 60-64)

Minimum basic payment amount is \$558.74 / month <u>plus</u> additional money depending on how much and for how long you paid into the CPP. Maximum payment \$1,538.67/month.

When you turn 65 your CPP disability benefit is automatically changed to a CPP retirement pension.

- Apply online using your My Service Canada Account (MSCA). Visit www.canada.ca/msca.
- To apply by paper, download the application at www.canada.ca (search 'CPP disability').

POTENTIAL AMOUNT

\$ 558.74 – 1,538.67 / month (amount varies depending on CPP contribution).

If your spouse or common-law partner has passed away, you may qualify for the following:

Canada Pension Plan Survivor's Pension (Under the age of 65)

A monthly payment paid to the legal spouse or common-law partner of the deceased contributor.

If you are not receiving other CPP benefits, you will receive a flat rate portion **and 37.5**% of the contributor's CPP.

If you already receive a Canada Pension Plan (CPP) retirement pension or disability pension, the survivor's pension will be combined into a single monthly payment.

- Apply online using your My Service Canada Account (MSCA). Visit www.canada.ca/msca.
- To apply by paper, download the application at www.canada.ca (search 'survivor's pension').

| Allowance for the | Survivor |
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| (Age 60-64) | |

If your spouse or common-law partner has died and since their death you have not remarried or become a common-law partner to another person.

Maximum payment amount \$1,556.51 / month

- Apply online using your My Service Canada Account (MSCA). Visit www.canada.ca/msca.
- To apply by paper, download the application and the Statement of Income form at www.canada.ca (search 'Guaranteed Income Supplement').

POTENTIAL AMOUNT

\$1556.51 / month + 37.5% of spouse/common law's CPP (amount varies depending on eligibility and CPP contribution).

Next Steps

Visit the Government of Canada's website at www.Canada.ca for information on:

- Each benefit and if you may qualify
- How much you could receive
- When and how to apply

If you would like to apply for services online, you will need to sign in to or create a My Service Canada Account (MSCA). My Service Canada Account is a secure online portal that allows you to view your personal income tax and benefits, set up direct deposit, receive email notifications, apply for benefits, and more.

To access your My Service Canada Account, sign in or create an account at **Canada.ca/msca**. If you need help you can allow a trusted person to access your account on your behalf.

Support 2

Do you need more information? Are you feeling unsure about the benefits above and whether you may qualify? Don't worry, help is available!

- Contact Service Canada's Pension Plan Centre. A pension specialist can help you explore/apply for the benefits you may be eligible for.
 - o **Telephone:** 1-800-277-9914 **TTY:** 1-800-255-4786
 - Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- For general inquiries, contact Service Canada:
 - o **Telephone:** 1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232) **TTY:** 1-800-926-910
 - Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

Other Resources

Aging in New Brunswick

FREE GUIDE AVAILABLE NOW!

Get information on:

- Home Support Services
- Long-Term Care Homes
- Financial Matters
- Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney & Advance Care **Directives**
- Health & Medical Care
- Tools to Help You Move
- Around Safely
- Living with Dementia
- Driving Safety
- End of Life Planning





There are programs & Services to help you stay as independent & healthy as possible.

Social Supports NB is a user-friendly website with information on government and community programs and services for New Brunswickers of all ages.



🙀 Social Supports NB.ca

Questions about seniors programs & services?

To learn more about these benefits or other services that may be helpful:





or Visit NB.211.ca

I need help finding...



I need help with income assistance I need help with putting food on the table I need help getting to medical appointments I need help finding mental health services

WAS THIS INFORMATION **HELPFUL?**

Tell us about your experience.



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or email

SSNB@GNB.CA

