

# AFFORDABILITY ACTION PLAN

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

*Seniors, families with children under 18, and Albertans on core support programs can get \$600 to help with the rising cost of living.*

## SENIORS

### ELIGIBILITY

- Age 65 or older by June 30, 2023.
- Adjusted household income is below \$180,000 according to your 2021 tax return.
- Alberta resident as of November 30, 2022 and remain so on the first day of each month between January and June to be eligible for each month's payment.
- Do not receive the Alberta Seniors Benefit, AISH or Income Support (these clients do not need to apply as they will get payments automatically).
- Have not been incarcerated for 90 days or more during the January to June 2023 period.

### WHEN TO APPLY

Application Period: January 18, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

If you turn 65 during the application period:

- You can apply at any time, but payment(s) will be held until your birth month
- You will receive \$100 for every month you are 65

If you are the parent or guardian of dependent children under 18, you can also apply to receive \$600 per child when you complete your application.

### PAYMENTS

Payments will be issued in 6 monthly instalments of \$100.

Most Albertans will receive payments at the end of the month their application is successfully completed. Exact timing will vary for each person depending on when they completed the application.

Payments will be retroactive to the first month you are eligible.



## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Foster and kinship caregivers caring for children under 18 will be automatically enrolled to receive payments for each child under 18 placed in their care but need to apply for biological or adopted children.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Parent or guardian of dependent children who are under 18 between January 18, 2023 and June 30, 2023.
- Adjusted household income is below \$180,000 according to your 2021 tax return.
- Alberta resident as of November 30, 2022 and remain so on the first day of each month between January and June to be eligible for each month's payment.
- Have not been incarcerated for 90 days or more during the January to June 2023 period.

### WHEN TO APPLY

Application Period: January 18, 2023, to June 30, 2023.

If your child turns 18 during the application period, you will get \$100 for every month they are under 18.

If you have a baby during the application period, you will get \$100 per month starting the month they are born.

If you share custody of 40 to 60% of the time, both parents can apply to get \$50 per month for each child.

If you are 65 or older, you can also apply to receive the \$600 payment for seniors when you complete your application.

If you are on AISH, Income Support or PDD and have dependent children under 18, you will need to apply to receive payments for your children.

### WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE

- Parents who do not have custody at least 40 to 60% of the time.
- Parents of children in care.
- Child or youth who live in group homes as expenses are paid by Children's Services.
- Youth living independently as living expense are paid by Children's Services.



## PAYMENTS

Payments will be issued in 6 monthly instalments of \$100 per child.

Once the application process is successfully completed, most Albertans will receive payments at the end of that month. Exact timing will vary for each individual.

Monthly payments to foster and kinship caregivers caring for children under 18 will start January 31.

## VULNERABLE ALBERTANS

AISH, PDD and Income Support clients will automatically get \$600, over 6 months, but will need to apply for additional payments if they have kids under 18.

## SIGN UP FOR AN ALBERTA.CA ACCOUNT

Get ready now! Sign up for a verified Alberta.ca Account. You need it to apply. The application portal opens on January 18, 2023.

Follow this link to see the information on the Alberta Government website:

<https://www.alberta.ca/affordability-payments.aspx>