

Alberta Affordability Payments

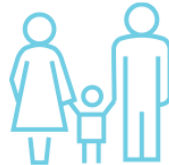
Alberta's economy has recovered strongly, but many people are struggling to heat their homes and feed their families. We want to help.

Over six months, \$600 in total tax-free payments will be delivered to seniors, families with children under 18, and Albertans on benefit programs to help offset inflation and keep life affordable.

Eligibility



Seniors age 65 or older
& a household income below
\$180,000



Parents/guardians of a child under 18
& a household income below
\$180,000, roughly 80% of Alberta
families.



Albertans receiving core support
programs – see a list below

Signing up for benefits

Monthly \$100 payments will be **delivered automatically** – no application necessary – starting the end of January to:

- seniors receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit,
- clients enrolled in Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) or Income Support, or receiving services through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) program, and
- Foster and kinship caregivers caring for a child under the age of 18.

For all other eligible Albertans, there is a **simple and free two-step application process**.



Step 1: Sign up for a Verified Account

- Sign up for a Verified Account (formerly known as MyAlberta Digital ID) online at account.alberta.ca as soon as possible.
- This is a free account that lets Albertans prove who they are online without paper documents or face-to-face visits.
- Alberta's government will use the information on a person's driver's licence or government-issued ID card to confirm their identity.



Step 2: Apply online starting January 18

- Once you have a 'verified' or 'pending verified' Alberta.ca Account, you can apply for your affordability payment at alberta.ca/affordable.
- The application will require a series of eligibility questions to be completed.
- Banking information will also be required from applicants who want their payments to be issued via direct deposit.

Where to apply

While applying online is fast and easy, in-person options are available for those who need assistance.

Alberta Registry Offices



Alberta Supports



From January 18 to June 30, 2023, anyone who cannot easily go online can apply in person through any registry agent or Alberta Supports to receive support in 50 locations and over 100 languages.

When applying in-person, make sure to bring information to verify your identity. You may also need tax documents and banking information. More information is available at alberta.ca/affordable.

Payment delivery

Albertans currently receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit, AISH, Income Support, or services through the PDD program, and kinship or foster caregivers caring for a child under the age of 18, will automatically receive their \$100 payments starting January 31. Payments will be received the same way as other regular monthly benefits. If you are a recipient of one of the benefit programs above and you also have dependent children under age 18, you will need to apply to receive payments for your children.

Most Albertans who apply through the online portal starting January 18 will receive their first \$100 payment at the end of that month. Exact timing will vary for each person depending on when they completed the application. Payments will be retroactive to the first month they are eligible.

Payments for Albertans who choose to receive funds by cheque, rather than direct deposit, may take additional time.

Other important facts

- Applications will be accepted any time between January 18 and June 30, 2023.
- You do not need to calculate your household income. That will be done automatically when you apply.
- All applications must be made by June 30, 2023, with payments being retroactive to include previous months when a person was eligible.
- As affordability payments roll out, Albertans are reminded not to click on any text messages claiming to represent the Government of Alberta. The government will never text or make an unsolicited call to ask for your personal information.
- More information is available on alberta.ca/affordable.

How to get more information and help

- Detailed information, including a tutorial video, is available at alberta.ca/affordable.
- For help with your application, you can:
 - call the Verified Account support line at 1-844-643-2789
 - call the Affordability Action Plan Information Line at 1-844-644-9955
 - visit any registry agent or Alberta Supports centre in person to receive support at no charge. During the application period, Alberta Supports is providing extended hours from:
 - 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, and
 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

