

## Income Sources for Refugee Families

*The federal government does not contribute 50% of the settlement costs in their 6 months to the newcomers. The rate of support compares with local social assistance rates. The following information we understand to be accurate:*

- *Any family that arrives in Canada between November – March will be met at their point of entry (airport) and presented with winter coat, boots, etc. This will replace the winter clothing allowance\*. Any family that arrives April – October will be eligible for the winter clothing allowance.*
- *CIC will email you in conjunction with the arrival of your refugee family and let you know the amount of income the family can expect to receive during their 6 months of \*RAP support (Resettlement Assistance Program [months 2 – 7]).*
- *You should not anticipate that the government will reimburse you for any start-up costs. These should be included in your budget as part of your costs for sponsorship. These expenses may include (but not be limited to): first month rent and damage deposit, home furnishings, furniture, first grocery order, winter clothing upon arrival, school supplies for school age children. Many of these items can be received as in-kind donations.*
- *All cash donations that are processed through a church are eligible for a tax receipt.*
- *Families with children may also be eligible for the following income assistance:*
  - *Universal Canada Child Benefit (\$160 for kids under 6; \$60 for kids 6 – 17)*  
[\(http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/uccb/\)](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/uccb/)  
 [\(http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/t4114/t4114-15e.pdf\)](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/t4114/t4114-15e.pdf)
  - *National Child Benefit Supplement*(<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/cctb/menu-eng.html>)
  - *Canada Child Tax Benefit* (<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/cctb/clcltyrcctb-eng.html>)
  - *NS Child Benefit (not sure if we have an equivalent in NB)*
  - *GST Rebate*
  - *NB Heat Supplement (not sure if NS has equivalent)*(  
[http://www2.qnb.ca/content/qnb/en/services/services\\_renderer.200719.html](http://www2.qnb.ca/content/qnb/en/services/services_renderer.200719.html))

*RAP Support: We have a copy of a CIC document that shows the rates for RAP Support. This will help you group with budget preparation (see below).*

- *If the RAP support is not sufficient to cover the costs for the family (along with other possible income streams) than the sponsoring group may need to supplement their income during the 6 months of RAP support.*

*You will be responsible to create a reasonable budget for the family that you'll sponsor. This should be based on real costs for housing, transportation, groceries, utilities and other monthly expenses. Please be sure to include some spending money.*

- *Part of your role will be to teach them how to live on this budget with their projected monthly income, introduce them to our Canadian currency and assist them with budgeting as they get settled into Canada.*
  - *Note newcomers will open their own bank account and all of their funds will be deposited directly into their account. They will pay their own bills and ultimately be responsible for the management of their own funds.*

## BVOR Monthly Rates - New Brunswick

### 1. Basic & Shelter - G/L 59003:

Family Size	BASIC	SHELTER	TOTALS
Single	\$ 338.00	\$ 199.00	\$ 537.00
Single + 1 Child	\$ 509.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 809.00
Couple (2 Adults)	\$ 521.00	\$ 306.00	\$ 827.00
3 Persons	\$ 540.00	\$ 317.00	\$ 857.00
4 Persons	\$ 572.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 908.00
5 Persons	\$ 606.00	\$ 353.00	\$ 959.00
6 Persons	\$ 637.00	\$ 373.00	\$ 1,010.00
7 Persons	\$ 651.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 1,041.00
8 Persons	\$ 702.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 1,112.00
9 Persons	\$ 736.00	\$ 427.00	\$ 1,163.00
10 Persons	\$ 768.00	\$ 446.00	\$ 1,214.00
11 Persons	\$ 786.00	\$ 479.00	\$ 1,265.00
12 Persons	\$ 835.00	\$ 481.00	\$ 1,316.00
13 Persons	\$ 867.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,367.00

### 2. Transportation Allowance (Adults 19+) - G/L 59003:

City	Rate
Fredericton, NB	\$ 80.00
Moncton, NB	\$ 62.00
Saint John, NB	\$ 77.00

(Transportation Allowance eff Jan 2015 - reviewed each yr for increases)

### 3. Special Adjustment Allowances - G/L 59007

Allowance	Rate	Frequency	Notes
Maternity Diet Allowance	\$ 75.00	Monthly	To a maximum of 9 months or until month of birth. Must have doctor's note to confirm pregnancy. Issue from date of note. No retro.

## BVOR Monthly Rates - Prince Edward Island

### 1. Basic Needs (Food & Incidentals) - G/L 59003:

# of Children	0 - 11 Years	12 - 17 Years	1 Adult	2 Adults
0	0	0	\$214.00	\$361.00
1	1	0	\$362.00	\$518.00
	0	1	\$418.00	\$574.00
2	2	0	\$519.00	\$628.00
	1	1	\$575.00	\$682.00
	0	2	\$631.00	\$736.00
3	3	0	\$623.00	\$774.00
	2	1	\$677.00	\$828.00
	1	2	\$731.00	\$882.00
	0	3	\$785.00	\$936.00
4	4	0	\$769.00	\$918.00
	3	1	\$823.00	\$972.00
	2	2	\$877.00	\$1,026.00
	1	3	\$931.00	\$1,080.00
	0	4	\$985.00	\$1,134.00
5	5	0	\$913.00	\$1,062.00
	4	1	\$967.00	\$1,116.00
	3	2	\$1,021.00	\$1,170.00
	2	3	\$1,075.00	\$1,224.00
	1	4	\$1,129.00	\$1,278.00
	0	5	\$1,183.00	\$1,332.00
6	6	0	\$1,057.00	\$1,206.00
	5	1	\$1,111.00	\$1,260.00
	4	2	\$1,165.00	\$1,314.00
	3	3	\$1,219.00	\$1,368.00
	2	4	\$1,273.00	\$1,422.00
	1	5	\$1,327.00	\$1,476.00
	0	6	\$1,381.00	\$1,530.00

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**2. Shelter Allowance - G/L 59003:**

Family Size - # of People	Shelter Allowance	Laundry	Telephone	Total
1	\$523.00	\$18.00	\$36.00	\$577.00
2	\$661.00	\$24.00	\$36.00	\$721.00
3	\$756.00	\$30.00	\$36.00	\$822.00
4	\$829.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$901.00
5	\$875.00	\$42.00	\$36.00	\$953.00
6	\$921.00	\$48.00	\$36.00	\$1,005.00
7	\$967.00	\$54.00	\$36.00	\$1,057.00
8	\$967.00	\$60.00	\$36.00	\$1,063.00
9	\$967.00	\$66.00	\$36.00	\$1,069.00
10	\$967.00	\$72.00	\$36.00	\$1,075.00
11	\$967.00	\$78.00	\$36.00	\$1,081.00
12	\$967.00	\$84.00	\$36.00	\$1,087.00

**3. Transportation Allowance (Adults 19+) - G/L 59003:**

City	Rate
Charlottetown, PE	\$65.00

(Transportation Allowance eff Jan 2015 - reviewed each yr for increases)

**4. Special Adjustment Allowances - G/L 59007**

Allowance	Rate	Frequency	Notes
Maternity Diet Allowance, if applicable	\$75.00	Monthly	Dr's note req'd. To be issued from date and/or receipt of medical note confirming expected due date. No retro.

## BVOR Monthly Rates - Nova Scotia

17-Dec-15

ALLOWANCE	G/L CODE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATE
BASIC NEEDS	59003	Adult (age 18+) - Food & Incidentals	\$ 238.00
BASIC SHELTER	59003	Single	\$ 300.00 **
		Couple	\$ 570.00
		Family of 3 or more	\$ 620.00
TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE	59003	Adult (age 18+) - Bus Pass	\$ 78.00
Maternity Dietary Allowance, if applicable	59007	To a maximum of 9 months or until month of birth. Must have doctor's note to confirm pregnancy. Issue from date of note. No retro.	\$ 75.00

\*\*up to \$535 under certain circumstances - NS Provincial ESIA Rate

5.4.1 (a) Policy: Shelter Allowance under certain circumstances:

Under the following criteria, a shelter allowance for rent/own of up to \$535 will be allowed for:

1. disabled
2. fleeing an abusive situation until the issues related to the abuse have been addressed. This is limited to court processes, and/or counseling related to the abuse
3. has a chronic mental, cognitive or physical condition that limits participation in employment
4. is 55 years of age or over; or
5. is a youth aged 16-18

## BVOR Monthly Rates - Newfoundland

ALLOWANCE	G/L CODE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RATE
BASIC NEEDS - Food & Incidentals	59003	Single Adult	\$ 509.00
		Single Adult with Children	\$ 661.00
		Couple	\$ 720.00
		Couple with Children	\$ 707.00
BASIC SHELTER	59003	Single	\$ 149.00 **
		Couple / <i>Family</i>	\$ 372.00
TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE	59003	Adult (age 18+) - Bus Pass	\$ 70.00
Maternity Dietary Allowance, if applicable	59007	To a maximum of 9 months or until month of birth. Must have doctor's note to confirm pregnancy. Issue from date of note. No retro.	\$ 75.00

\*\*up to \$372 under special circumstances