

## Nova Scotia Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) rates

Monthly income support is intended to cover basic needs such as food, incidentals, shelter, transportation and a communication allowance. Other special allowances may be added based on need.

Family size	Household composition	Basic needs allowance	Shelter allowance	Communication allowance
1	Single adult	\$275	\$300*	\$30/file
2	Couple	\$550	\$570	\$30/file
	Single parent and one child	\$275	\$570	\$30/file
3	Couple and one child	\$550	\$620	\$30/file
	Single parent and two children	\$275	\$620	\$30/file
Up to <b>\$535</b> in special circumstances *				
<b>Housing Supplement: up to a maximum of \$200</b> , may be issued when actual housing expenses exceed the basic shelter allowance. If the RAP file is still open at time of receipt (no retroactive payments will be made). In order to be considered for this allowance, refugees must submit to IRCC documentation, such as a lease agreement, indicating that their total housing costs (including utilities) exceed the maximum shelter allowances issued under RAP.				
<b>Age of Majority top up:</b> for dependants turning <b>18</b> in provinces where the age of majority is <b>19</b> . A living allowance supplement can be issue for <b>\$150</b> plus the cost of transportation allowance based on the current cost of monthly public transportation in their community of residence.				

Transportation rate	
Halifax	<a href="https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/fares-tickets-passes">https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/fares-tickets-passes</a>
Transportation allowance is provided to each adult as per the rate of public transit in their community. For rates, consult the link above.	
Note: in communities where there is no public transit, a flat transportation rate of <b>\$75</b> is issued.	

Blended Visa Office-Referred Program (BVORs)
Refugees sponsored through the BVOR Program are eligible for the following income support benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and incidentals (basic needs),</li> <li>• Basic shelter,</li> <li>• Communication allowance</li> <li>• Transportation allowance</li> <li>• Age of Majority top up</li> <li>• Housing Supplement ( if applicable)</li> <li>• Maternity food allowance (if applicable)</li> <li>• Special dietary allowance (if applicable)</li> </ul>
The remaining costs, including start-up and additional special expenses as required, are covered by the sponsoring group.

Special allowances		
Allowance	Frequency	Rate
Maternity Food	Monthly	\$75
Maternity Clothing	One-time	\$200
Newborn Allowance	One-Time	\$750
Dietary Allowance	Monthly	\$ 75
Funeral/Burial Allowance		Costs are reviewed case by case based on provincial rates.
Note: Refugees can request a special dietary allowance of \$75/month (per family) if they provide a doctor (or nurse practitioner's) note indicating they have a medical condition requiring a specialized diet. If the RAP file is still open at time of receipt (no retroactive payments will be made)		

\*The above rates are in effect as of October 2017.