

British Columbia 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 without accompanying dependants	\$385	\$375	\$30/file
2	Couple	\$507.22	\$570	\$30/file
	Single parent and one child	\$525.58	\$570	\$30/file
3	Couple and one child	\$601.06	\$660	\$30/file
	Single parent and two children	\$525.58	\$660	\$30/file
4	Couple and two children	\$601.06	\$700	\$30/file
	Single parent and three children	\$525.58	\$700	\$30/file
5	Couple and three children	\$601.06	\$750	\$30/file
	Single parent and four children	\$525.58	\$750	\$30/file
6	Couple and four children	\$601.06	\$785	\$30/file
	Single parent and five children	\$525.58	\$785	\$30/file
7	Couple and five children	\$601.06	\$820	\$30/file
	Single parent and six children	\$525.58	\$820	\$30/file

Shelter increments continue to increase by an additional \$35 for each additional dependant after unit size 7.

Housing Supplement: up to a maximum of \$200, 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.

Age of Majority top up: for dependants turning 18 in provinces where the age of majority is 19. A living allowance supplement can be issue for \$150 plus the cost of transportation allowance based on the current cost of monthly public transportation in their community of residence.

Transportation Rates	
Abbotsford	https://bctransit.com/central-fraser-valley/fares
Kelowna	https://bctransit.com/kelowna/fares
Nanaimo	https://bctransit.com/nanaimo/fares
Vancouver	https://www.translink.ca/Fares-and-Passes/Monthly-Pass.aspx
Vernon	https://bctransit.com/vernon/fares
Victoria	https://bctransit.com/victoria/fares

Transportation allowance is provided to each adult including seniors as per the rate of public transit for adults and seniors in their community, or a minimum of \$75/month, whichever is greater. For rates, consult the links above.

Note: In communities where there is not public transit, a flat transportation rate of \$75 is issued. Also, RAP provides 3-zone pass for Vancouver and Vancouver metro area.

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)

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"> • Food and incidentals (basic needs), • Basic shelter, • Communication allowance • Transportation allowance • Age of Majority top up • Housing Supplement (if applicable) • Maternity food allowance (if applicable). • Special dietary allowance (if applicable) <p>The remaining costs, including start-up, and additional special expenses as required, are covered by the sponsoring group.</p>

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In British Columbia, any client aged 65 or older will receive senior rates for basic needs. For rates, consult the tables below. **Note:** for special allowances and transportation rates consult the tables above.

Basic Needs Allowance					
Single Senior	Single Senior Parent (who is 65+) with 1 or more Children	2 Adults (one is age 65+)	2 Adults both (both are 65+)	2 Adults (one is age 65+) and 1 or more children	2 Senior Adults (both are age 65+) and 1 or more children
\$681.42	\$822.08	\$900.56	\$1149.06	\$994.56	\$1243.06

Family size	Shelter allowance	Communication allowance
1	\$375	\$30
2	\$570	\$30
3	\$660	\$30
4	\$700	\$30
5	\$750	\$30
6	\$785	\$30
7	\$820	\$30
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***The above rate are in effect as of November 2019.**