

Ontario 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 | \$343 | \$390 | \$30/file |
| 2 | Couple | \$494 | \$642 | \$30/file |
| | Single parent plus one child | \$360 | \$642 | \$30/file |
| 3 | Single parent plus two children | \$360 | \$697 | \$30/file |
| | Couple plus one child | \$494 | \$697 | \$30/file |
| 4 | Single parent plus three children | \$360 | \$756 | \$30/file |
| | Couple plus two children | \$494 | \$756 | \$30/file |
| 5 | Single parent plus four children | \$360 | \$815 | \$30/file |
| | Couple plus three children | \$494 | \$815 | \$30/file |
| 6 or more | Single parent plus five children | \$360 | \$844 | \$30/file |
| | Couple plus four children | \$494 | \$844 | \$30/file |

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.

| Special Allowances | | |
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| 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) |
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| 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, • Housing Supplement (if applicable) • Maternity food allowance (if applicable) • Special dietary allowance (if applicable) |
| The remaining costs, including start-up and additional special expenses as required, are covered by the sponsoring group. |

| Transportation Rates | |
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| Hamilton | https://www.hamilton.ca/hsr-bus-schedules-fares/fares/cash-tickets-and-passes |
| Kingston | https://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/transit/fares |
| Kitchener | http://www.grt.ca/en/fares/FarePrices.asp?_mid_=29230 |
| Leamington | http://www.leamington.ca/en/ourcommunity/transitfaresandrates.asp |
| London | http://www.ltconline.ca/Fares.htm |
| Mississauga | http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/miway/busfares |
| Ottawa | http://www.octranspo1.com/tickets-and-passes |
| Peterborough | http://www.peterborough.ca/Living/City_Services/Transportation/Transit/Fares.htm |
| Saulte Ste Marie | http://saultstemarie.ca/City-Hall/City-Departments/Community-Development-Enterprise-Services/Community-Services/Transit/Bus-Fares-and-Passes.aspx |
| Thunder bay | http://www.thunderbay.ca/Living/Getting_Around/Thunder_Bay_Transit/Tickets_and_Passes.htm |
| Toronto | https://www.ttc.ca/Fares_and_passes/Prices/index.jsp |
| Windsor | http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/transitwindsor/Fares/Pages/Fares.aspx |

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 public transit rates, consult the link above. Note in communities where there is no public transit, a flat transportation rate of **\$75** is issued.

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

| Basic Needs Allowance | | |
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| Senior recipient with no spouse (with or without children) | Recipient and spouse where one person is a senior (with or without children) | Recipient and spouse where both are seniors (with or without children) |
| \$596 | \$882 | \$1189 |

| Family Size | Shelter Allowance | Communication Allowance |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | \$479 | \$30 |
| 2 | \$753 | \$30 |
| 3 | \$816 | \$30 |
| 4 | \$886 | \$30 |
| 5 | \$956 | \$30 |
| 6+ | \$990 | \$30 |

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***The above rate are in effect as of November 2019.**