

## 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	\$560	\$375	\$75
2	Couple	\$857.22	\$570	\$75
	Single parent and one child	\$700.58	\$570	\$75
3	Couple and one child	\$951.06	\$660	\$75
	Single parent and two children	\$700.58	\$660	\$75
4	Couple and two children	\$951.06	\$700	\$75
	Single parent and three children	\$700.58	\$700	\$75
5	Couple and three children	\$951.06	\$750	\$75
	Single parent and four children	\$700.58	\$750	\$75
6	Couple and four children	\$951.06	\$785	\$75
	Single parent and five children	\$700.58	\$785	\$75
7	Couple and five children	\$951.06	\$820	\$75
	Single parent and six children	\$700.58	\$820	\$75

**Shelter increments** continue to increase by an additional \$35 for each additional dependant above family size of 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.

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

**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"> <li>• Food and incidentals (basicneeds),</li> <li>• Basic shelter,</li> <li>• Communication allowance</li> <li>• Transportation allowance</li> <li>• Housing Supplement (if applicable)</li> <li>• Maternity food allowance (if applicable).</li> <li>• Special dietary allowance (if applicable)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
The remaining costs, including start-up, and additional special expenses as required, are covered by the sponsoring group.

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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
\$856.42	\$997.08	\$1,250.56	\$1,499.06	\$1,344.56	\$1,593.06

Family size	Shelter allowance	Communication allowance
1	\$375	\$75
2	\$570	\$75
3	\$660	\$75
4	\$700	\$75
5	\$750	\$75
6	\$785	\$75
7	\$820	\$75
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**\*The above rates will be effective as of January 1, 2022.**