

Nova Scotia Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) Rates
January 26, 2026

Family Size	Composition	Basic Needs Allowance	Shelter Allowance	Communication Allowance (per Application)
1	Single adult	\$443.52	\$260.48	\$79.07
1	Single senior	\$613.62	\$360.38	\$79.07
2	Couple	\$866.88	\$509.12	\$79.07
	Single adult and one child	\$621.81	\$365.19	\$79.07
3	Couple and one or more children	\$899.64	\$528.36	\$79.07
	Single adult and two or more children	\$654.57	\$384.43	\$79.07

Housing Supplement: Up to a maximum of \$500/month* may be issued when actual housing costs exceed the Shelter Allowance. *The Housing Supplement is to be calculated by subtracting the Shelter Allowance and 43% of the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) (where applicable) from actual housing costs.

Transportation Rates	
Halifax	https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/fares-tickets-passes
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 \$83.71/month, whichever is greater. For rates, consult the links above. Note: In communities where there is no public transit, a flat transportation rate of \$83.71/month is issued.	

Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) Program
Refugees sponsored through the BVOR program are eligible for the following income support benefits from IRCC for six months: • Basic Needs Allowance • Shelter Allowance and Housing Supplement • Communication Allowance • Transportation Allowance • Maternity Food Allowance (if applicable) • Special Dietary Allowance (if applicable) The costs for the remaining six months, including Start-Up Costs and additional special expenses as required, are provided by the sponsoring group.

Special Allowances		
Allowance	Frequency	Rate
Maternity Food	Monthly	\$87.77
Maternity Clothing	One-time	\$204.89
Newborn Allowance	One-Time	\$790.72
Dietary Allowance	Monthly	\$87.77
Funeral/Burial Allowance		Costs are reviewed case by case based on provincial rates.