

Am I able to work while receiving AISH?

Yes, AISH encourages clients to work to the extent they are able. The income of the applicant, client, and their cohabiting partner are considered in determining eligibility and the level of benefits.

How is employment income calculated?

AISH uses most of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) allowable deduction to calculate net employment and self-employment income.

What are the Employment Income Exemptions?

Single Exemption

The single exemption applies to a single person, or to two people if they are both AISH eligible and have no dependent children.

- The first \$400 of the total monthly net employment and self-employment income is fully exempt.
- Any amount above \$400, and up to \$1,500, is 50% exempt for a maximum employment income exemption of \$950 a month.

Family Exemption

The family exemption applies to a single parent with dependent children, a person with a cohabiting partner, or a person with a cohabiting partner with dependent children.

- The first \$975 of the applicant, client and their cohabiting partner's combined monthly net employment or self-employment income is fully exempt.
- Any amount above \$975, and up to \$2,500, is 50% exempt for a maximum employment income exemption of \$1,738 a month.

What happens if I no longer qualify for AISH?

If your employment or self-employment earnings increase and you are no longer eligible for the AISH monthly living allowance or modified living allowance, you will continue to receive health benefits for a period of time, through the Alberta Adult Health Benefit (AAHB) program. AAHB policy information is available through the Alberta Employment and Immigration website at: www.employment.alberta.ca.

Employment Income

How does my employment income affect my monthly AISH living allowance amount?

Employment income is just one of many factors that can affect the monthly AISH living allowance amount. The AISH living allowance can be affected by other income types and family composition.

Please note: the following tables are for sample purposes and the amounts may vary based on other sources of income. For specific information on how your employment income affects your AISH living allowance, please contact your AISH worker.

Single Exemption (\$400 and up to \$1,500 is 50% exempt for a maximum employment income exemption of \$950 a month)

Earnings	Exemption	Monthly AISH	Total AISH & Employment
\$0	\$0	\$1,188	\$1,188
\$400	\$400	\$1,188	\$1,588
\$500	\$450	\$1,138	\$1,638
\$600	\$500	\$1,088	\$1,688
\$800	\$600	\$988	\$1,788
\$1,000	\$700	\$888	\$1,888
\$1,200	\$800	\$788	\$1,988
\$1,400	\$900	\$688	\$2,088
\$1,500	\$950	\$638	\$2,138
\$1,700	\$950	\$438	\$2,138
\$1,900	\$950	\$238	\$2,138
\$2,100	\$950	\$38	\$2,138
\$2,137	\$950	\$1	\$2,138

Family Exemption (\$975 and up to \$2,500 is 50% exempt for a maximum employment income exemption of \$1,738 a month)

Earnings	Exemption	Monthly AISH	Total AISH & Employment
\$0	\$0	\$1,188	\$1,188
\$400	\$400	\$1,188	\$1,588
\$600	\$600	\$1,188	\$1,788
\$800	\$800	\$1,188	\$1,988
\$975	\$975	\$1,188	\$2,163
\$1,000	\$988	\$1,176	\$2,176
\$1,200	\$1,088	\$1,076	\$2,276
\$1,400	\$1,188	\$976	\$2,376
\$1,600	\$1,288	\$876	\$2,476
\$1,800	\$1,388	\$776	\$2,576
\$2,000	\$1,488	\$676	\$2,676
\$2,200	\$1,588	\$576	\$2,776
\$2,400	\$1,688	\$476	\$2,876
\$2,500	\$1,738	\$426	\$2,926
\$2,700	\$1,738	\$226	\$2,926
\$2,900	\$1,738	\$26	\$2,926
\$2,925	\$1,738	\$1	\$2,926

Information regarding the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program is available at www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/aish or by calling toll-free the AISH Information Line at 1-866-477-8589 or 780-644-1364 in the Edmonton area. You can also call **310-0000** to be connected to an AISH office nearest you.