

Can I work and still receive AISH benefits? _____

Yes, you can work and continue to receive AISH. The AISH program is committed to helping clients be as independent as possible.

AISH recognizes that some clients may be able to work, but may be unable to earn enough to support themselves. AISH provides support to help clients work to the extent they are able and to help remove barriers to employment.

Is there help for me to get a job? _____

AISH staff can connect you to resources that will help you with your employment goals. This includes employment supports provided through AISH, Alberta Employment and Immigration, and other government programs.

AISH may also be able to provide you with additional financial assistance. Employment-related personal benefits can assist with specific one-time or ongoing employment and training expenses over and above the monthly living allowance. Personal benefits are available to AISH clients who have non-exempt assets of \$3000 or less or have exceptional circumstances of hardship, have an identified need, and are not eligible to receive the benefit from any other program or source.

Employment and Training Supports

- Assist with the cost of applications, deposits, registration, and testing fees, tools or other work-related goods and services.

Childcare

- Assist with the cost of childcare for dependent children including lunch hour supervision at school.

Moving

- Assist with the costs related to establishing a new home if you or your cohabiting partner has to move for work.

Contact your AISH worker for more information on employment-related personal benefits.

First Nations clients are assisted through Aboriginal Human Resources Development Strategies and can contact their local band council or Service Canada for the nearest Aboriginal Human Resources Development Agreement holder.

What happens if I no longer qualify for AISH because of employment income?_____

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.

Do I need to reapply for AISH if I can no longer work?_____

If you should lose your employment income for any reason, you can apply for rapid reinstatement of AISH benefits. This means that if your reapplication is made within two years of your AISH file closing, and your medical condition has not changed, you only need to provide your income and asset information to have your AISH file reopened quickly.

Contact your AISH worker for more information.