

Application Checklist – Turning 65

Many of the following programs require you to file a tax return for the current year before April 30. More information about these and other programs is available in this guide.

Federal Government

Apply six months before your 65th birthday

- Old Age Security (OAS)**
- Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)**
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)**

Contact:

Service Canada 1-800-277-9914
www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Provincial Government

You should receive a Seniors Financial Assistance application package in the mail three months before your 65th birthday. If you do not, call the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992

- Seniors Financial Assistance:**
 - One application to access the following programs:
 - **Alberta Seniors Benefit**
 - **Dental Assistance for Seniors**
 - **Optical Assistance for Seniors**
 - **Education Property Tax Assistance for Seniors**
 - **Special Needs Assistance for Seniors**

Contact:

Alberta Supports Contact Centre
1-877-644-9992
www.seniors.alberta.ca

Alberta Blue Cross Coverage for Seniors (prescription medications)

Provide proof of age

A *Proof of Age Declaration* form is included in the Seniors Financial Assistance application package.

(Provide a copy of ONE of the following: birth certificate, passport, Canada Entry document, Old Age entitlement letter, or baptismal certificate.)

Contact:

Alberta Blue Cross 1-800-661-6995
www.ab.bluecross.ca

You may mail the *Proof of Age Declaration* to the address on the form, or provide your proof of age to select registry agents across Alberta. For a list of registries or to print a *Proof of Age Declaration* contact:

Alberta Health and Wellness
780-427-1432
www.health.alberta.ca