

## **Employment and Income Assistance and Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) Households**

Manitoba previously provided financially eligible individuals travelling to Canada under CUAET with direct financial assistance through the Temporary Assistance Program (TAP).

In an effort to provide sustainable supports to persons fleeing the war and arriving in Manitoba, TAP will wind down effective March 31, 2023, and as of April 1, 2023, shelter and food supports for eligible persons arriving in Canada will be available through Employment and Income Assistance (EIA).

### **Monthly income support**

The EIA program provides financial help to families in Manitoba who have no other way to support themselves. This includes benefits to help you with the cost of things like food, shelter, clothing, personal and household needs, and health-related supplies or equipment not provided by other programs. For people who are able to work, EIA will help them work by providing supports to employment.

### **Medical coverage**

Households receiving EIA are eligible to receive coverage for:

- Optical: an eye exam, and eyeglasses (if required)
- Dental: a dental exam, dental cleaning and any basic restorative work required
- Medication: medications prescribed by a medical doctor

Please provide the dentist or optometrist your EIA case number or your acceptance letter. Any pharmacist will accept a prescription from a medical doctor. Please provide your case number to the pharmacist when you submit a prescription.

### **How to apply**

Households currently receiving TAP benefits will be transitioned to EIA if they remain eligible. All new households arriving in Manitoba under CUAET needing financial assistance will need to apply for EIA.

To apply for EIA, please call 204-945-5324. After answering some questions, you may be booked for an intake appointment.

### **For your intake appointment, please bring:**

- Passports for all family members in Canada
- Manitoba health card
- Work permits
- Social Insurance Numbers
- 60-day bank statements from all bank accounts (both Canadian and Ukrainian/other)
- Direct deposit form or void cheque from a Canadian bank or credit union
- Lease agreement (once available).

You will be asked about the following at your intake appointment:

- you and your family's situation
- your housing
- your income (money you earn or get from another source), including any federal benefits received
- your assets (savings, investments, items of value)
- your education, work status and history and your plans to find work
- any medical conditions and health needs that may keep you from working
- any legal problems you have

The appointment will take approximately 1 hour. If approved you will receive a letter of acceptance will be informed about the total monthly allowance you will receive. The amount of money you receive may change if your circumstances change.

## **Obligations on EIA**

### Work Expectations

Most EIA participants must look for work. This is called a "work expectation." When you have a work expectation, staff will help you prepare for and find a job.

You and your Counsellor will set an action plan that matches your needs and abilities. The plan may be monitored and your eligibility for EIA may be affected if the plan is not followed.

The plan may include pursuing a free open work permit, if you do not already have one. EIA can also help with employment and training programs, self-employment, benefits and services.

The work expectations you have with EIA are different than the requirements of a Canada work permit. It is your responsibility to know and follow the requirements of each.

### Reporting

**Please contact the EIA program as soon as you begin working or receiving money from any other source. You must report any changes to your situation to EIA.**

Your ongoing eligibility for EIA will also be subject to periodic review, including but not limited to:

- Submitting monthly income declaration forms
- Annual review
- Submission of bank statements
- Providing updates regarding foreign pension/property

## **Impact of EIA**

Receiving EIA benefits may impact your ability to sponsor other households. You are responsible for understanding how EIA may impact you before applying for EIA.