



Manitoba Child Benefit Program

What is the Manitoba Child Benefit Program (MCB)?

MCB is a new provincial supplement program beginning January 2008. This program replaces and enhances the Child Related Income Support Program (CRISP). MCB provides monthly benefits to low-income Manitoba families needing assistance with the cost of raising children.

The MCB is part of Manitoba's Rewarding Work strategy to help Manitobans move from income assistance to work. Under the MCB, maximum monthly benefits have increased to \$35 per child, benefits are available to families at higher income levels, and assets are no longer considered when calculating eligibility for benefits.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible for MCB if:

- you reside in Manitoba
- you have dependent children under the age of 18
- your Manitoba Health card lists your dependent children
- you are in receipt of Canada Child Tax Benefits for your dependent children
- your total family income is below a specific level

Note: Under the program rules, you cannot receive MCB benefits if you receive income assistance. If you receive only the health care benefits portion of Employment and Income Assistance, you can apply for MCB benefits. Wards of the province and children in temporary placement under *The Child and Family Services Act* are NOT eligible for MCB. Treaty Indians may be eligible for benefits, except those persons living on a reserve or in receipt of income

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE	MAXIMUM YEARLY MCB BENEFITS	MAXIMUM BENEFITS PAID AT OR BELOW THESE ANNUAL FAMILY INCOMES	PARTIAL BENEFITS PAID WITH ANNUAL FAMILY INCOMES OF
1	\$420	\$15,000	\$15,001 to \$20,435
2	\$840	\$15,000	\$15,001 to \$20,435
3	\$1,260	\$15,000	\$15,001 to \$20,435
4	\$1,680	\$15,000	\$15,001 to \$22,242
5	\$2,100	\$15,000	\$15,001 to \$24,052
6	\$2,520	\$15,000	\$15,001 to \$25,864

assistance from the Government of Canada or from an Indian Band.

You will receive a letter regarding your eligibility for benefits.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFIT LEVELS AND ALLOWABLE INCOME RANGES?

The above table provides examples for families with up to six eligible children.

Note: This table is to be used as a general guide only. Actual family income and actual MCB benefits are only determined following an individual assessment of each application.

HOW IS YOUR FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY DETERMINED?

Income

Income eligibility is based on the previous year's total family income. If your financial circumstances have changed significantly from the previous year as a result of:

- a change in your marital status
- immigration to Canada
- your becoming unemployable due to a medical disability

your income eligibility **may be** based on an estimate of your current year income.



WHEN DO PAYMENTS BEGIN?

MCB payments will begin in January 2008. If you are already receiving CRISP benefits, you will be automatically enrolled in the new MCB Program. If you are currently not receiving CRISP, you will need to apply for the MCB.

Applications for the MCB can be submitted anytime. If you are eligible, benefits will be effective from the month in which your completed application is **received**.

Benefits are mailed at the end of each month.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Application forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting the Income Supplement Programs office at:

P.O. Box 3000
203 South Railway Street East
Killarney, Manitoba R0K 1G0
Killarney: 204-523-5230
Toll-free outside Killarney: 1-800-563-8793
Fax Line: 204-523-5240

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday