



**Executive
Council**

Nova Scotia

*A certified copy of an Order in Council dated
March 26, 2024*

2024-130

The Governor in Council, on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Community Services dated March 8, 2024, and pursuant to Section 21 of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2000, the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Act*, is pleased to amend the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 195/2019, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2019-333 dated November 27, 2019, to create a disability supplement, in the manner set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after May 1, 2024.

Certified to be a true copy


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Laura Lee Langley
Clerk of the Executive Council

N.S. Reg. 74/2024

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Date: March 26, 2024

Jane Newton
Registrar of Regulations
Province of Nova Scotia

Schedule “A”

**Amendment to the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Regulations*
made by the Governor in Council under Section 21 of
Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2000,
the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Act***

- 1 Section 2 of the *Employment Support and Income Assistance Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 195/2019, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2019-333 dated November 27, 2019, is amended by adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “Director”:

“disability supplement” means supplementary assistance provided as a special need to an eligible person with a disability;

- 2 The regulations are further amended by adding the following Section immediately after Section 55:

Disability supplement

- 55A (1)** A disability supplement of \$300 per month is payable for the benefit of any of the following persons:
- (a) a recipient;
 - (b) a spouse;
 - (c) a dependent child who is 18 years old or older.
- (2)** To be eligible to receive the disability supplement, a person must meet all of the following requirements:
- (a) they must have either of the following:
 - (i) a disability, or
 - (ii) a chronic medical condition that prevents them, or will prevent them, from participating in employment for at least 1 year;

- (b) they must board, rent or own their accommodation;
 - (c) they must otherwise meet the requirements of the Act and these regulations.
- (3) A person who receives the disability supplement remains eligible to receive any other special needs item or service under these regulations.
- (4) Despite Section 59, a supervisor must not modify the amount of the disability supplement.