

Good news!

Contact your caseworker for more information, or call 1-877-424-1177



If you work while on Income Assistance you will take home more money



Policy rules

These rules show how much IA you keep if you work.

Regular Employment

Monthly Earnings	Amount that you keep
\$0–\$250	100%
\$250–\$500	\$250 PLUS 75% of any money earned over \$250
\$500–\$750	\$437.50 PLUS 50% of any money earned over \$500
Over \$750	\$562.50 PLUS 25% of any money earned over \$750

Supported Employment

“Supported Employment” means employment of a person whose physical, mental or cognitive abilities prevent them from working on their own without continuous support.

Monthly Earnings	Amount that you keep
\$0–\$350	100%
\$350–\$500	\$350 PLUS 75% of any money earned over \$350
\$500–\$750	\$462.50 PLUS 50% of any money earned over \$500
Over \$750	\$587.50 PLUS 25% of any money earned over \$750

How much Income Assistance do I keep?

That depends on how much you earn, but everyone working will end up with more money. Here is one person who will take home more money because they got a job.

Scenario – Maggie



- Is single.
- Is renting her home.
- Has no dependents.
- Without wages, Maggie's IA cheque is \$650 a month.
- Maggie got a new job and earns \$750 per month.

**Maggie takes home \$1212 in total:
\$750 in wages plus \$462 of Income Assistance.**

How can I learn more?

- Try our Employment Income Estimator: novascotia.ca/apps/dcs-estimator
- Contact your caseworker or call **1-877-424-1177**.

To do

- Let your caseworker know if you get a new job or become self-employed.
- Each month, report your monthly earnings on your income statement and submit it by the deadline.

We can help

- We can help you get a job if you don't have one.
- We can help you with things you need for work, like uniforms, transportation and childcare.
- You may still receive pharmacare benefits for up to one year if you stop being a client of Income Assistance.