

CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS (June 2009)

The family unit must meet certain citizenship requirements to be eligible for assistance.

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Each applicant or recipient in the family unit must be one of the following:

- A Canadian citizen
- A permanent resident
- A protected person (Convention refugee or person in need of protection)
- In Canada on a Temporary Resident Permit (Minister's permit prior to June 28, 2002)
- A refugee claimant – (see Policy: Refugee Claimants)
- Under a removal order that cannot be executed (e.g., there might be humanitarian concerns if a person is returning to a country where there are reasons to believe they might face persecution and mistreatment, or the person's home country no longer exists making it impossible for the person to return)

DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Dependent children do not affect eligibility due to their citizenship; for eligibility purposes they take on their parents' status.

INELIGIBLE PERSONS

- Visitors, foreign students, and temporary workers who do not have a Temporary Resident Permit
- Persons in Canada illegally
- Persons whose immigration status has not been confirmed by CIC
- Persons who are subject to a removal order that is enforceable

INELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

In a family unit where only one applicant meets the citizenship requirements for income assistance, hardship assistance, or disability assistance, and the other applicant does not, **assistance may only be issued for the family member who meets the citizenship requirements.** The excluded family member's income and assets must be included in the income and assets of the family unit for the purposes of determining whether the family unit is eligible for assistance.

OLR → Verification and Eligibility → Citizenship Requirements

Policy:

Staff:

https://gww.hsd.gov.bc.ca/intranet/meia/online_resource/verification_and_eligibility/citreq/current/policy.html#2

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Procedures:

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