

Annual Earnings Exemption and Reporting Income

Ministry of **Social Development and Poverty Reduction**



If you receive Persons with Disabilities (PWD) payments, you may still work and earn money.

An Annual Earnings Exemption (AEE) provides an earnings limit for each calendar year. A calendar year is from January to December. You may work a lot in some months and less in others. Your PWD payments aren't affected until you reach your AEE limit.

For example, the current maximum AEE for a single person is \$16,200. This means a single person's monthly earnings won't affect their PWD payments until they've made \$16,200 for the year.

Monthly income report

If you receive PWD payments, you must report any money you earn or receive. This involves money you make at work, other qualifying income and unearned income.

You must complete a monthly report when you receive income, even if your earnings do not change month to month. Monthly reports must be submitted by the fifth of each month. Monthly reports include information related to the previous month. For example, income you received in October must be reported by November 5.



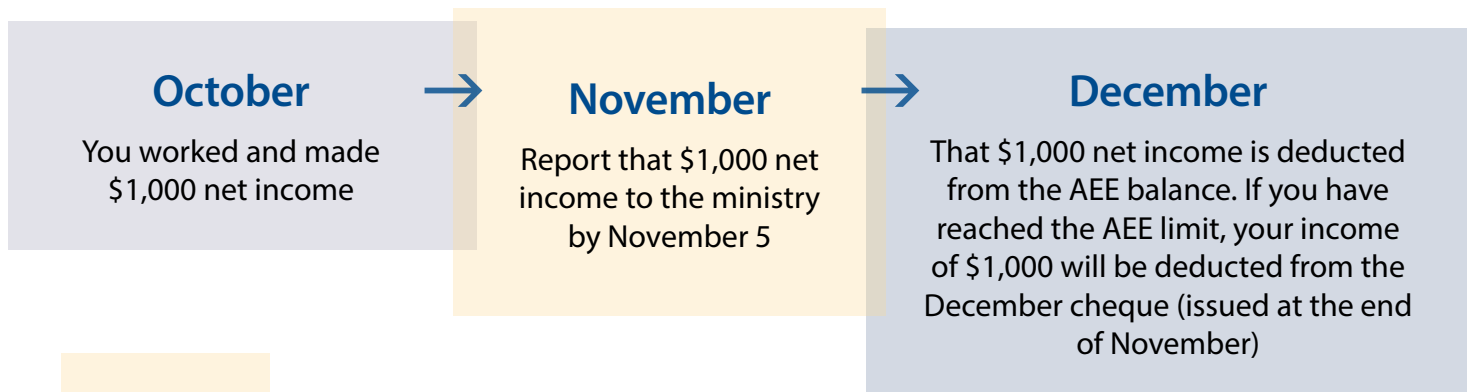
Qualifying income includes:

- » Money or cash payments received for working
- » Pension plan contributions that are refunded due to insufficient contributions
- » Money received from providing room and board in your home or renting rooms at your residence
- » Income replacement benefit from the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) or ICBC

Unearned income includes:

- » Employment Insurance
- » All types/classes of Canada Pension Plan benefits (e.g., CPP, CPP-D, CPP-E)
- » Old Age Security and related benefits (e.g., GIS allowance)
- » A tax refund
- » Workers' compensation benefits and disability payments or pensions
- » A trust or inheritance
- » Maintenance under a court order, separation agreement or other agreement
- » Education or training allowances, grants, loans, bursaries or scholarships

For example:



Report options

Option 1: Form

- » Fill out [form HR0081](#), provided on the ministry website. Submit it to the ministry office either in-person or by mail

Option 2: My Self Serve (online)

- » Access your My Self Serve (MySS) account or register at: www.myselfserve.gov.bc.ca. You will need to use a scanner or smart phone to upload earnings information
- » MySS provides 24/7 access to your PWD information (e.g., amount remaining on your AEE limit)



What happens if I make more than the AEE limit?

You always keep 100 per cent of any money you earn. After you've reached 75 per cent of your AEE limit, you'll receive a letter. Money you've earned over your AEE limit will be deducted dollar for dollar from your PWD payment.

Once you reach your AEE limit, you won't receive a PWD payment if your monthly earnings continue to be above your assistance rate. You won't lose your PWD designation. You may be able to continue to receive medical and transportation benefits.

You should continue to submit your monthly reports to receive PWD payments without having to reapply:

- » If your earnings fall below disability assistance rates
- » When you are eligible for a new earnings exemption limit in the new calendar year

If you do not continue to submit your monthly report after reaching your AEE limit, you will need to reapply for disability assistance.



**For help with reporting income or AEE,
call the ministry at: 1-866-866-0800.**



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