

# **BCEP** ***BULLETS . . .***

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## **BCEP Supports**

**To:** MEIA Regional Services /BCEP Contractors

**Purpose:**

To identify supports available to BCEP participants, as a complement to general ministry client supports. To ensure participants receive the full range of supports available and there is no duplication of efforts.

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### **BCEP Supports**

Financial assistance for a range of supports is provided to clients participating in BCEP based on individual needs. Supports should not duplicate those already provided by the ministry and should not conflict with the general intent of supports as provided under the Employment and Assistance Act and Regulation.

To assist clients in meeting their employment obligations, BCEP contractors are required to provide appropriate supports during Directed Work Search (DWS), during Individualized Services and Supports (ISS) (as identified in the Client Participant Plan), and for the 180 day ISS “follow-up” period, which commences once a client secures BCEP Employment.

These supports include:

- transportation
- work tools/safety clothing/equipment
- childcare costs
- personal grooming/work clothes
- food
- licenses
- other supports needed to help Clients become employed

### **Ministry Supports**

In addition, MEIA staff may approve the following supports:

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#### *Transportation Support*

Employment and Assistance Workers (EAWs) may provide transportation supports if required i.e., bus tickets, assistance with gas costs etc., to clients in order to attend a BCEP Intake appointment. This support can be provided by EAWs utilizing Direct Purchase which will be monitored as per Regional practices. Clients are generally only eligible to receive this Support once. Once a client is accepted into BCEP, the contractor is responsible for issuing further transportation supports to participants throughout their attendance in the program.

#### *Confirmed Job Supplement*

Client's who have confirmed employment prior to a BCEP referral and require supports such as work boots in order to secure employment should be considered for Confirmed Job Supplement as a first priority and should not be referred to BCEP.

Please refer to the **On Line Resource, Confirmed Job Supplement Policy and Procedures** for details of procedures. (see link)

[https://gww.eia.gov.bc.ca/bvprd/bc/or/ep/programView.do?programPage=/or/programBody.jsp&progView=home&programId=536883406&channelId=-536893847&pageTypeId=536882546&crumb=B.C.+Home\\*&crumburl=%2Fhome.do\\*%2For%2Fep%2FprogramView.do#](https://gww.eia.gov.bc.ca/bvprd/bc/or/ep/programView.do?programPage=/or/programBody.jsp&progView=home&programId=536883406&channelId=-536893847&pageTypeId=536882546&crumb=B.C.+Home*&crumburl=%2Fhome.do*%2For%2Fep%2FprogramView.do#)

In addition, eligible ministry clients have access to a range of financial and material supports designed to assist with the maintenance of their general health and well-being as well as assist them to become independent of BCEA. These supports have well-defined eligibility criteria and not all supports are available to all clients.

The following is a list of the supports ministry clients may be eligible to receive. More detailed descriptions of these items and terms of eligibility can be viewed at:

[http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca/programs/.](http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca/programs/)

#### *Employment*

- Transportation fees to attend BCEP intake appointment
- Confirmed Job Supplement (not available to BCEP clients)

#### *Social / Educational*

- CPP Adjustment Supplement

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- Camp Fees
- Christmas Supplement
- School Start-up Supplement
- Family Bonus Supplement
- Identification Supplement
- Bus Pass (annual pass for persons with disabilities)
- Community Volunteer Supplement
- Crisis Supplement

#### *Housing / Moving*

- Co-op Shares Purchase Supplement
- Moving, Transportation, and Living Cost
- Security Deposits

#### *Health*

- Dental and Orthodontic Services
- Diet Supplements
- Medical Equipment (mobility/positioning/breathing, hearing aids, orthotics and bracing)
- Ministry sponsored MSP and Pharmacare
- Medical Supplies
- Medical Transportation
- Nutritional Supplements
- Optical Services
- Natal Supplement
- Therapies (massage, chiropractic and physiotherapy)
- Supplement for Alcohol and Drug Treatment