

ELIGIBILITY AT APPLICATION *(June 2009)*

To be eligible for assistance all applicants in the family unit must attend an eligibility interview and supply information and required documentation.

Applicants must prove their family unit meets **all** eligibility criteria

At least one adult in the family unit has been financially independent for at least two consecutive years, unless exempted from this requirement.

All adult applicants have a valid Social Insurance Number (SIN) and all members of the family unit have identification.

All adult applicants in the family unit have completed an orientation program within 60 days of the eligibility interview.

The family unit meets citizenship requirements.

Any adult applicant in the family unit must not be registered as a full time student in a *funded* program of studies, or in an *unfunded* program of studies without the prior approval of the minister.

The family unit has pursued all available income, including family maintenance and signing the Assignment of Maintenance Rights (HSD2748).

The family unit's net income and assets do not exceed the limits for eligibility set out in regulations.

The applicants in the family unit, when required, must enter into and comply with the conditions of an employment plan.

When a family unit does not meet all eligibility criteria

If the family unit does not meet the above criteria, they are to be assessed for hardship assistance (see Hardship QRG).

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Staff: https://qwww.hsd.gov.bc.ca/intranet/meia/online_resource/application/bcea_stage1/current/policy.html

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