

# 2025 New Brunswick Low-Income Seniors' Benefit



## GENERAL INFORMATION

To assist low-income seniors in New Brunswick, the government offers an annual benefit to qualifying applicants.

## ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the 2025 annual benefit of \$616 the applicant must have been a resident of New Brunswick on December 31, 2024, and a recipient of a benefit under the Old Age Security Act (Canada), notably:

- The Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) during 2024 (must be 65 years or older) or
- the Federal Allowance for the Survivor during 2024 (must be between 60-64 years old) or
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**Important:** Persons in receipt of a federal allowance who are under the age of 60 do not qualify for this benefit. Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Survivor's pension are not qualifying benefits.

Where both spouses receive one of the OAS benefits (GIS/Allowance/Allowance for survivors) and reside in the same household, only one \$616.00 benefit will be granted. However, where spouses live separately (for example, one residing in a nursing home), both will be eligible for the benefit.

## APPLICATION FORM

Application forms are now available, and Service New Brunswick will begin to issue payments after April 1, 2025. Please find enclosed the application for the 2025 benefit. Forms can also be obtained by visiting any Service New Brunswick Center.

### **Important information to assist with faster turnaround times.**

- If your spouse passed away in 2024, please provide their death certificate with your application.
- If you received a benefit under the Old Age Security Act (Guaranteed Income Supplement, Allowance, Allowance for Survivors) for the first time in 2024, please provide proof, in the form of your 2024 T4A(OAS) or a confirmation letter from the Federal Government.
- Other changes, please see appendix for breakdown of documents that might be required.

## INQUIRIES

Should you require further information on this program, please contact the Low-Income Seniors Benefit toll-free line at 1-833-796-0944 or email [LISB-PAFR@snb.ca](mailto:LISB-PAFR@snb.ca). Please allow 4 weeks of processing time from the receipt of your application.

## INQUIRIES RELATING TO FEDERAL BENEFITS

If you do not currently receive GIS or one of the other federal benefits and would like more information, please contact Service Canada at:

1-800-277-9914 for service in English, or 1-800-277-9915 for service in French.