

# Supporting Low Income Individuals and Families

The Provincial Government, through Budget 2016, is implementing measures to address the unprecedented fiscal challenges facing Newfoundland and Labrador. Increasing taxes is not something our government wants to do – but must do in light of the deficit.

To ensure the impact of the tax burden is lessened on the most vulnerable including low income seniors, individuals, families and persons with disabilities, the Seniors' Benefit has been enhanced and we are introducing the Newfoundland and Labrador Income Supplement.

## Newfoundland and Labrador Income Supplement

Budget 2016 includes \$63.7 million annualized for the delivery of benefits to help reduce the impact of additional measures on low income seniors, individuals, families and persons with disabilities. This supplement will be paid to those eligible in quarterly installments. Eligibility will be based on family net income. More information on who is eligible and the amounts payable can be found here [www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2016/fin/0414n03.aspx](http://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2016/fin/0414n03.aspx).

## Seniors' Benefit

\$12.7 million annualized to enhance the existing Seniors' Benefit.

The increased Seniors' Benefit and the Newfoundland and Labrador Income Supplement will replace the following tax rebates/credits:

- Home Heating Rebate Program
- Provincial Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) Credit

**Annualized, the total additions to these benefit programs is \$76.4 million.**



### Senior Couple

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Net Income.....                 | <b>\$26,000.00</b> |
| Average Annual Supplement ..... | <b>\$510.00</b>    |
| Seniors' Benefit .....          | <b>\$1,313.00</b>  |
| Quarterly Installment .....     | <b>\$455.75</b>    |

### Single Earner Family

2 adults & 2 children under 6

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Net Income.....                 | <b>\$40,000.00</b> |
| Average Annual Supplement ..... | <b>\$910.00</b>    |
| Quarterly Installment .....     | <b>\$227.50</b>    |



\* Further examples are available online here [www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2016/fin/0414n03.aspx](http://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2016/fin/0414n03.aspx)

In addition, the Provincial Government is investing \$3 million to increase the monthly fuel allowance for eligible income support clients.