

# North West Territories

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## Income Assistance Program:

The program provides a set amount, based on the size of family and community, for food, community cost adjustment, clothing, and furnishings. The program provides assistance with shelter and utilities, based on actual amounts. Allowances for seniors and persons living with disabilities are also available to eligible residents.

This program is designed for:

- Northerners who are 19 years of age or older
- Have a need greater than their income
- Participate in a productive choice, unless they are exempt

HOW: fill out an application and make an appointment to meet with a Client Services Officer.

Find the application form:

- Online by visiting [www.ece.gov.nt.ca](http://www.ece.gov.nt.ca) OR at an ECE Service Centre
- Fill out the application on your own or when you first meet with a Client Services Officer.

### **NWT Child Benefit**

The Northwest Territories (NWT) Child Benefit provides low-to-modest income families with monthly cash payments to assist with the costs of raising children.

Eligibility:

- be an NWT resident;
- be a parent or primary caregiver of one or more children under the age of 18 who live with you;
- have a family net income of less than \$80,000 per year; and

- file an income tax return every year.

HOW: You do not need to apply for the NWT Child Benefit. If you are already enrolled in the Canada Child Benefit program and meet the eligibility criteria listed above, you will automatically qualify for the NWT Child Benefit.

Families with a net income under \$30,000 will receive the full benefit. Families with a net family income between \$30,000 and \$80,000 may receive a portion of the NWT Child Benefit.

#### Maximum Benefit Amounts

Number of Children	Under the age of 6	Aged 6 to 17
1 child	\$815	\$652
2 children	\$1,467	\$1,174
3 children	\$1,997	\$1,597
4 children	\$2,445	\$1,956
5 children or more	\$2,445 plus an additional \$367 for each of the 5th and subsequent child	\$1,956 plus an additional \$293 for each of the 5th and subsequent child

#### **NWT Senior Citizen Supplementary Benefit**

Provides financial assistance (\$196.00 per month) to help low income NWT Seniors to pay for living costs.

Eligibility: You are automatically eligible for the SCSB if you receive the federal Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), or the Federal spouse's allowance.

HOW:

You must complete an initial application for the federal Guaranteed Income Supplement. Each year after that, the income reported through your income tax return determines eligibility and the amount of monthly federal GIS.

### **Senior Home Heating Subsidy**

provides financial assistance to low-to-modest income seniors to help with the cost of heating their homes.

Eligibility:

- Are residents of the Northwest Territories
- Are 60 years of age or older
- Own and occupy the home as his/her primary residence OR if renting, be the leasee of a self-contained unit where heating costs are not included in the rent
- Meet a household income test
- Are not receiving Income Assistance
- Apply each year

HOW: a Senior Home Heating Subsidy Application must be completed and proof of age, total household income, homeownership or rental accommodation must be provided to a local [ECE Service Centre](#).

### **Public Housing, NWT HC**

rent-geared-income subsidized rental program designed for low- to-moderate income households, provides priority access to persons with disabilities to units that have been designed or modified to improve mobility and accessibility.

HOW: Contact your Local NWT Housing Corporation District Office or Local Housing Organization.

For district office locations: click [here](#)

For Local Organizations: click [here](#)

HEALTH:

## Basic Health Care

### Eligibility:

- A permanent resident of the Northwest Territories (NWT)
- Residents of the NWT are eligible for health care if:
  - They are lawfully entitled to be or remain in Canada, and
  - They make their home in and are ordinarily present in the NWT. Ordinarily present means you are physically present in the NWT at least 153 days during each calendar year.

### Prerequisites

#### Legal right to be in Canada:

1. For Canadian Citizens:
  - A copy of your birth certificate from a Canadian province or territory;
  - A copy of your valid Canadian Passport or Canadian Citizenship Certificate; or
  - A copy of your status card issued by Indigenous Services Canada.
2. For Permanent Residents/Landed Immigrants:
  - A copy of your Permanent Resident Card (front and back).
3. For Foreign Nationals:
  - A copy of your Study Permit (confirmation of school enrollment is required); or
  - A copy of your Work Permit or other document issued by Immigration Canada.

### Residency:

1. Two valid documents that show your name and current NWT home address from the list provided on the application checklist number 3. In addition to documents listed on the checklist, other documents issued by Government would be considered, including but not limited to, Child Tax Benefit Statement, Employment Insurance Benefit Statement, Canada Pension Plan Statement (please black out personal income information) or Insurance policies (home, auto etc)

HOW: Complete and submit the [NWT Application for Health Care form](#). Available at hospitals, health clinics, health centres and the Health Services Administration Office

### [Applying for health care for my newborn child](#)

Eligibility:

- Parent must be lawfully entitled to be or remain in Canada, and
- They make their home in and are ordinarily present in the NWT. Ordinarily present means you are physically present in the NWT at least 153 days during each calendar year.
- Parent(s) must have valid NWT health care card.
- A copy of your newborn child's birth certificate.
- The name of the child must be what appears on his or her birth certificate.
- Attach a photocopy of proof of adoption (if applicable).

HOW: Complete and submit the [NWT Application for Health Care – Newborn form](#).

Contact this Service

Phone: 1-800-661-0830 (toll free)

Email: [healthcarecard@gov.nt.ca](mailto:healthcarecard@gov.nt.ca)(link sends e-mail)

### **Applying for Métis Health Benefits Program**

Eligibility:

- Be a permanent resident of the Northwest Territories (NWT)
- Have a valid NWT Health Care Card
- Indicate self-identification as Métis
- Declare you are not registered under the Indian Act (commonly referred to as 'status Indian') or an Inuk recognized by an Inuit land claim organization
- Provide a letter from one of the Indigenous governments or Indigenous organizations listed below confirming they are a member of one of the following Indigenous government or Indigenous organization whose members hold or asserts to hold Aboriginal rights in the Northwest Territories as affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982:
  - § Dehcho First Nations as the regional government representing the Fort Providence Métis Council and Fort Simpson Métis Local #52
  - § Gwich'in Tribal Council
  - § Northwest Territory Métis Nation as the regional government representing the Fort Resolution Métis Government, Fort Smith Métis Council and Hay River Métis Government Council
  - § North Slave Métis Alliance
  - § Sahtú Secretariat Incorporated
  - § Thçhø Government

HOW: Complete and submit the [Métis Health Benefits Program Application](#).

### **Applying for the Extended Health Benefits for Seniors Program**

Eligibility:

- 60 years of age or over

- Métis or Non-Indigenous
- Permanent resident of the Northwest Territories (NWT)
- Have a valid NWT Health Care Card

HOW: Complete and submit the [EHB Seniors Program Application](#)

[Applying for the Extended Health Benefits for Specified Disease Conditions Program](#)

For the Specified Disease Conditions Program, you must be under the care of a physician or nurse practitioner for one of these disease conditions:

Alcohol Dependency	Cystic Fibrosis	Phenylketonuria (PKU)*
Alzheimer’s Disease	Dermatomyositis	Primary Pulmonary Hypertension
Asthma	Diabetes Insipidus	Psoriasis
Bilateral Congenital Microphthalmos Budd-Chiari Syndrome	Diabetes Mellitus	Rheumatic Fever
Cancer	Drug Dependency**	Rheumatoid Arthritis
Celiac Disease*	Epilepsy*	Rickets*
Cerebral Palsy	Gastroparesis	Scleroderma
Certain disorders of the blood and immune system	Head Injury	Scoliosis
Charcot-Marie tooth	Hemophilia	Sickle Cell Anemia
Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease	Hepatitis	Spina Bifida
Chronic Pancreatitis	HIV Infection and other HIV related diseases	Spinal Cord Injury - Paraplegia and Quadriplegia
Chronic Psychosis	Hypertension (subject to certain BP levels)*	Tuberculosis
Cirrhosis of the liver	Ischemic Heart Disease	Ulcerative Colitis
Cleft Lip & Cleft Palate	Lupus Erythematosus	Wegener’s Granulomatosis

Congenital Cytomegalovirus Infection	Multiple Sclerosis	
Congenital Anomalies of the Urinary System	Muscular Dystrophy	
Congenital Heart Disease	Osteoarthritis*	
Crohn's Disease	Pernicious Anemia*	

HOW: A Physician or Nurse Practitioner must complete and submit the EHB Specified Disease Conditions Program Application.

### **Rehabilitation Services, HSS**

Rehabilitation services help people of all ages improve and maintain their independence if they have an injury, illness, disability, or chronic disease that affects their ability to function.

There are four main types of rehabilitation services:

- Physiotherapy – helps restore and maintain mobility and physical function
- Occupational therapy – helps develop physical, cognitive, sensory, developmental, and/or psychological skills for living independently.
- Speech language pathology – helps overcome and prevent communication problems in language, speech, voice and fluency.
- Audiology – helps detect and evaluate hearing loss as soon as possible, and recommend treatment. Rehabilitation services are available in NWT regional centres and through community outreach clinics. **Contact your Community Health Centre for more information and/or referral.**

HOW: Download the form [here](#)

### **Medical Travel, HSS**

Medical travel benefits for eligible NWT residents with a valid referral who must travel outside of their home community in order to access necessary health services at the nearest center where the services are available.

Eligibility:

Medical travel benefits extend only to individuals who do not have similar coverage through an employer- sponsored or other 3rd party insurance or benefit program. Patients faced with extraordinary health needs and/or can demonstrate undue financial hardship as a result of individuals or unique circumstances, may submit a request for coverage outside the parameters of the medical travel policy which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**HOW:** Patients should contact the NTHSSA's Medical Travel Office for further information about eligibility, level of benefits, other requirements, current rates, etc. and/or for help submitting an expense claim.

Contact your Community Health Centre for more information or call the number for your community:

- Behchokò - (867) 392-3000
- Fort Simpson - (867) 695-7035
- Norman Wells - (867) 587-4271
- Fort Liard - (867) 770-4301
- Fort Smith - (867) 872-5626
- Yellowknife - (867) 669-4115
- Fort Providence - (867) 699-4311
- Hay River - (867) 874-2557
- Fort Resolution - (867) 394-4511
- Inuvik - (867) 777-8034

## DISABILITY:

### **Respite Services, HSS/NWTDC/YKACL**

Respite is planned, part time relief provided to families supporting people with disabilities.

Eligibility:

- Home care programs within the Health and Social Services Authorities provide respite services for caregivers of individuals whose disabilities is a result of an illness or chronic health condition.
- In-facility respite services are available in Long Term Care facilities and in the Territorial Supported Living Facility in Hay River for individuals who meet the criteria of these programs.



- This program is delivered in community by the NWT Disabilities Council to families outside of Yellowknife (Aklavik, Deline, Fort Smith & Paulatuk) who have children with special needs.
- The Yellowknife Association of Community Living provides community-based respite services for people of any age living with disabilities who are residing with their families in Yellowknife, Dettah, and N'dilo.

HOW: Contact your Regional Health and Social Services Authority Home Care Program or Community Health Centre for more information.

- Respite Services Manager  
Yellowknife Association for Community Living 4919-53rd Street, Yellowknife  
(867) 873-3560  
inclusion@ykacl.ca <http://ykacl.ca/services/#respite>
- Respite Coordinator  
NWT Disabilities Council Suite 116, 5102 50th Avenue (867) 873-8230  
1 (888) 873-8231 (Toll Free) [rsp@nwt dc.net](mailto:rsp@nwt dc.net)
- Seniors and Continuing Care Services  
Department of Health and Social Services <http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/>

### **Contributing Assistance for Repairs and Enhancements Mobility (CARE Mobility)**

provides assistance to existing homeowners with a household member with a disability, to support modifications that will promote continued independent living.

HOW: Contact your Local NWT Housing Corporation District Office or Local Housing Organization.

For district office locations: click [here](#)

For Local Organizations: click [here](#)

### **Providing Assistance for Territorial Homeownership (PATH), NWT HC**

The program that provides homeownership assistance to NWT residents.

Eligibility:

- Assistance levels are determined by zones, and range between 5% and 55% of the purchase price or the Maximum Construction Cost (MCC), whichever is less.
- Applicants with moderate income (income over the NWT Housing Corporation maximum income level) may be eligible for 50% of the subsidy.

HOW: Contact your Local NWT Housing Corporation District Office or Local Housing Organization.

For district office locations: click [here](#)

For Local Organizations: click [here](#)

### **Securing Assistance for Emergencies (SAFE), NWTHC**

Homeowners with disabilities may receive assistance under the Securing Assistance for Emergencies (SAFE) program for emergency repairs. The program targets low and modest income homeowners and may require a co-payment depending in the applicant's income level. There is up to \$10,000 in assistance for emergency repairs, excluding freight costs.

HOW: Contact your Local NWT Housing Corporation District Office or Local Housing Organization.

For district office locations: click [here](#)

For Local Organizations: click [here](#)

### **Senior Citizens Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act, MACA**

The Senior Citizens' and Disabled Persons' Property Tax Relief is a program that helps seniors and persons with disabilities pay less or no property tax. Taxes are lowered depending on the location of the property.

In the General Taxation Area (GTA), the GNWT provides a 100% rebate to qualified citizens.

In the Municipal Taxation Areas (MTA), the Municipal Council has the authority to deliver their own program.

- Yellowknife
- Hay River
- Fort Smith
- Fort Simpson
- Inuvik
- Norman Wells

HOW:

For GTA area click [here](#) for the form

For MTA - contact your local Community Government to see if you can apply.

### **Out of Territory Placement, HSS**

Out of Territory Placement refers to all types of residential placements in western Canada for NWT residents when specialized treatment programs are not available in the NWT. This program is for clients with significant developmental and physical disabilities, genetic disorders, acquired brain injuries, mental health and concurrent disorders, or complex behavioral problems secondary to trauma.

NWT services must be considered as a first option before an application for out-of- territory placement is considered. A standardized referral process is in place and administered in the five regions and two health authorities of the NWT. Specific criteria must be met to access this service.

**HOW:** Contact your Local NWT Housing Corporation District Office or Local Housing Organization.

For district office locations: click [here](#)

For Local Organizations: click [here](#)

## OTHER:

### **Emergency Repairs**

NWTHC provides emergency repair funding that is available year-round for situations like freeze-ups and furnace failures.

- A short term loan for up to \$10,000 is provided to cover emergency repairs.
- Applicants are expected to make a contribution toward the project cost; and,
- Contribution level will be based on the applicant's income.

**Eligibility:** It is available to low and modest income homeowners, including seniors on fixed incomes.

**HOW:** To make an application, please contact the [NWTHC District Office](#) for your region. For further questions, please contact 1-844-NWT-HOME (1-844-698-4663) or [nwthc\\_comms@gov.nt.ca](mailto:nwthc_comms@gov.nt.ca).

### **Agriculture Training Program**

#### **Funding**

Up to \$5000 per year is available for participation in commercial agriculture oriented courses, training or conferences.

Eligible costs include:

- Tuition, training and course fees
- Registration fees
- Instructor/ speaker fees

- Educational materials
- Travel expenses

Eligibility: NWT residents who are experienced and/or new entrants into agricultural food production as well as agri-food processing business and/or involved in northern-based agri-businesses.

HOW: [Canadian Agricultural Partnership - Application Form](#)

If interested in Agriculture programs see links below (mostly for commercial use):

- [Agriculture and the Environment](#)
- [Agriculture Awareness Initiative](#)
- [Apply for Agriculture and the Environment Program Funding](#)
- [Apply for the Agriculture and Agri-Food Research Program](#)
- [Apply for the Agriculture and Food Processing Development Program](#)
- [Apply for the Agriculture Awareness Initiative](#)
- [Apply for the Agriculture Training Program](#)
- [Apply for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative Funding](#)
- [Canadian Agricultural Partnership](#)