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Did you know?

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BC INCOME ASSISTANCE - TIME LIMITS

Is there a time limit to being on income assistance?

No. As of October 1, 2012 there is no longer a time limit for being on welfare. After 24 months, your benefits will not be reduced.

If you are on income assistance or hardship assistance, the Ministry might review your eligibility for welfare benefits once per year. You can request that this review happen over the phone.

What happens at an eligibility review?

An Employment and Assistance Worker (EAW) or eligibility officer will ask for your financial records such as income tax returns or bank records to prove that your income reflects the amounts you have reported. They will also interview you about your employment plans and efforts to find work.

PPMB status reviews

If you receive Persons with Persistent Multiple Barriers (PPMB) benefits, the Ministry might review your status once every two years, depending on your situation. The review process essentially parallels the initial application process.

Assistance to persons with disabilities is subject to both income and asset eligibility criteria.

For More Information

Contact an advocate or visit the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation website at: <http://www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/bcea.htm>



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