

**Chapter 3: Assessment of Income**

**(i) Exempt Income**

**(c) Earnings of Dependent Children/Dependent Students**

<b>Intent:</b>	To outline the impact of earnings of dependent children/students on Income Support eligibility.
<b>Act:</b> (if applicable)	N/A
<b>Regulations:</b>	<p><b>2.</b> In these regulations,</p> <p>(c.1) "dependent" means a dependent of an applicant or recipient who is a child under the age of 18 years or a dependent student;</p> <p><b>8.</b> In this Part</p> <p>(a) "exempt income" means income received by an applicant or recipient which is not considered in determining eligibility for income support, provided that the income is obtained by means of</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(v) one or more of the following sources:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(A) payments for children in care,</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(B) special child welfare allowances,</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(C) child welfare allowances,</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(D) payments for alternate family care,</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(E) payments under a Youth Services Agreement,</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(F) government funded disability related supports,</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">(G) payments received from the Voluntary Student Work and Services Program,</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><b>(H) earnings of dependents, or</b></p>

	(I) payments received from the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation Educational Incentive Allowance;
<b>Overview:</b> (if applicable)	N/A
<b>Policy:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dependent children (under 18 years of age) who work are not to be removed from the family case, and their earnings are not to be considered as a resource for the family.</li> <li>• As children turn 18 years of age, they are to be removed from the family case. Where the child remains in high school, he/she can be added back to the family file as a 'dependent student' and the <a href="#">High School Incentive Allowance</a> provided. Where the child turns 18 during July or August and future attendance at school cannot be verified, the child can be added back as a dependent student. All dependent students are removed from family files at the end of August so future eligibility will depend upon verified school attendance.</li> <li>• As with dependent children, the earnings of dependent students will not be considered as a resource for the family and will not be assessed in relation to Income Support eligibility.</li> <li>• As dependent children/students finish school or turn 18 years of age and are not in school, they are considered independent adults and can apply for Income Support benefits in their own right.</li> </ul>
<b>Procedure:</b>	N/A
<b>Authority Level:</b>	Client Services Officer
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