

Chapter 2: Eligibility

(iv) Other Circumstances Affecting Eligibility

(a) Residency Requirement

Intent:	This section outlines the conditions surrounding residency requirements for applicants/recipients in order to apply or continue to receive Income Support benefits.
Act: (if applicable)	N/A
Regulations:	<p>Residency required</p> <p>4. (1) An applicant or recipient shall live in the province to be eligible for income support and to continue receiving income support.</p> <p>(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a recipient may be absent from the province</p> <p>(a) for a period of up to 60 days for a purpose approved by an officer; or</p> <p>(b) for a period of more than 60 days if the absence is due to medical reasons and is approved by an officer.</p> <p>(3) Where a recipient leaves the province for any reason, including work, he or she shall be eligible for income support up to and including the end of the period during which he or she last received income support.</p>
Overview: (if applicable)	N/A
Policy:	<p>(100) Moving to Another Province from NL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident of Newfoundland & Labrador who moves to another province/territory of Canada to reside, will be the responsibility of that other province/territory. • Recipients who leave Newfoundland and Labrador to reside in another part of Canada or who are on an extended visit, are only eligible for Income Support in Newfoundland and Labrador to the end of the pay period of the departure. Any Income Support beyond the pay period is an overpayment. Recipients who leave the province for confirmed

employment are eligible for an overlap of 30 days assistance, as is the case when the employment is located within the province.

(200) Moving to NL from Another Province

- Applicants who recently arrived from another province/territory and had some other source of income/support in the past 30 days, should be referred to the Early Detection and Prevention Program to ensure that the source of income is verified prior to eligibility being finalized.
- If families with dependent children move to Newfoundland and Labrador, the expectation is that they apply for the Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit. As long as the child(ren) is a resident on the 1st of the month, the family is eligible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit.

(300) Absent from the Province

- Recipients who are absent from the province for a purpose as approved by a worker can continue to receive Income Support benefits in Newfoundland and Labrador for a period of sixty days. These reasons may include medical treatment or consultations, short visits with family, etc.
- Beyond sixty days, there is no further eligibility for benefits unless the reason for the visit is related to medical treatment and has been approved by the Department. Any Income Support benefits paid beyond sixty days must be considered an overpayment.
- Recipients required to visit another province/country for medical or hospital treatment are not considered residents of that jurisdiction for Income Support purposes. The Income Support Benefit payments will continue from this Department as long as general eligibility still exists.
- For applicants who apply from outside of Canada, please refer to the policy section - [Determining Eligibility - \(Non Canadians\)](#).

Procedure: N/A

Authority Level: Client Services Officer

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