

Chapter 6: Shelter Benefits

(iv) Utilities

(c) Fuel Supplement

Intent:	To clarify when the Fuel Supplement can be provided
Act: (if applicable)	N/A
Regulations:	<p>13 (2) The amounts under this section are reduced by the following amounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) where the applicant or recipient resides in an apartment or a house <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) where heat and electricity are included, \$76 a month, (ii) where heat only is included, \$49 a month, or (iii) where electricity only is included, \$27 a month; or (b) where the applicant or recipient resides in a bed sitting room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) where heat and electricity are included, \$61 a month, (ii) where heat only is included, \$49 a month, or (iii) where electricity only is included, \$12 a month. <p>19. (1) Other monthly income support for which an applicant or recipient may be eligible is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a fuel supplement for an applicant or recipient maintaining a residence in Labrador, up to a maximum of \$132, where the cost of heat is not included in the amount for rent; (b) a fuel supplement for an applicant or recipient maintaining a residence on the island portion of the province, up to a maximum of \$71, where the cost of heat is not included in the amount for rent;

<p>Overview: (if applicable)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Policy:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants/recipients must receive the family/individual benefits and be responsible for maintaining their own residence . • In addition, applicants/recipients living in their own homes or apartments also qualify for a Fuel Supplement if they are responsible for the purchase of heat (oil, wood, electricity). • Applicants/recipients who share accommodations where heat is not included in the rent each qualify for the full monthly Fuel Supplement. • Applicants/recipients not eligible for the Fuel Supplement include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ applicants/recipients with heat or heat and electricity included in their rent, ○ applicants/recipients who are tenants of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation who receive the NLHC heat subsidy, including those with Rural and Remote Mortgages, ○ applicants/recipients who have their heating costs paid by another source such as those who require supportive services and receive fuel and electricity included in their benefits from the Department of Health and Community Services, ○ those in co-op housing who have a heat subsidy included in the rent. • The full deduction as per Regulation 13 (2) from the family/individual benefits applies also to applicants/recipients who share accommodations if heat/electricity is included in the rent.

Procedure:	Client Services Officers must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ensure verification is received from applicants/recipients indicating if heat is included in the rent,• add the applicable Fuel Supplement when an applicant/recipient provides verification he/she is responsible for the cost of heat,• ensure when heat and/or light are included in the rent, the proper deductions are made to the family/individual benefits as per Regulation 13 (2) (a) & (b),• refer policies on Rent and Mortgage or Special Needs Rent/Mortgage for Single Clients.
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