

Chapter 9: Special Needs Benefits

(i) Blind Persons Supplement

Intent:	To provide assistance to recipients who are legally blind to help offset disability related expenses of the recipient and/or dependent child or dependent student.
Act: (if applicable)	N/A
Regulations:	19.(1)(i) an amount up to \$89 for each recipient, dependent child or dependent student receiving income support who is legally blind as certified by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) or an approved professional.
Overview: (if applicable)	N/A
Policy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written verification from the CNIB or an approved professional, of a "legally blind" status (having less than 10% of normal vision) is required for each recipient, dependent child or dependent student. • For the purpose of verification of "legally blind," an approved professional includes a physician or social worker with the CNIB.
Procedure:	<p>Client Services Officers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain required verification from the recipient and forward to TRIM and, • ensure the amount provided for the Blind Persons Supplement plus the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GISS), if applicable, does not exceed the maximum combined total of \$125/month.
Authority Level:	Client Services Officer
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