

What is AISH

The Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program of the Government of Alberta provides financial assistance (living allowance), supplementary assistance (child benefits and personal benefits) and health-related assistance (health benefits) to adults with a disability.

The disability must severely limit the ability to earn a living and must be permanent (e.g. all opportunities for rehabilitation and training have been exhausted). AISH provides health benefits to assist clients, their cohabiting partners and dependent children with expenses related to their health.

To be eligible for AISH,

- You must have a severe handicap that: substantially limits your ability to earn a living. (Your disability must be the main factor, not your age, lack of education or lack of available jobs.)
- Your disability is permanent.
- There is no training, rehabilitation or medical treatment that would help you to be able to work.
- Your income and the income of your cohabiting partner must not exceed the limits allowed under the program.
- Your assets and the assets of your cohabiting partner must not exceed the limits allowed under the program.
- You must be 18 years old or older, and not eligible to receive an Old Age Security pension.
- You must be a permanent resident of Alberta

Decisions related to AISH eligibility can be appealed.

AISH encourages clients to work to the extent they are able. The income of the applicant, client and their cohabiting partner are considered in determining eligibility and the level of benefits.

AISH provides an Employment Income Exemption to allow you to earn more employment income before it affects your AISH living allowance or modified living allowance

To apply for AISH, or get more information, contact the AISH office nearest to you.

Camrose	780.608-2539
Drumheller	403.823-1638
Lloydminster	780.871-6418
Olds	403.507-8060
Red Deer	403.340-7077
Rocky	403.845-8594
Wetaskiwin	780.361-1272

(Call toll-free using 310-0000)

To locate the AISH office nearest to you, contact the Service Alberta Operator toll-free at: 310-0000

More information about the program is also available at www.seniors.gov.ab.ca/AISH/index.asp