
The Time for Adequate Rates is Now

Raise OW by \$100

From the Social Assistance Review Commission

“As a first step, the lowest rate in the system—the rate (at the time of implementation) for single adults receiving Ontario Works—would be increased by \$100 a month.”



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Inadequacy

In the words of the Commission:

“This increase is necessary at this time to redress the undeniable inadequacy of rates for single people receiving social assistance.”

Basic Measure of Adequacy

The province is to create a new measure called the Basic Measure of Adequacy (BMA), which will be a target for future rates. **However**, we do not have to wait for the BMA to make the initial recommended increase of \$100.

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**No person in Ontario
should ever have to
choose on a month to
month basis between
shelter, food, or
transportation.**

- × Increases should not be paid through cuts to special diet
- × This is only step 1, ongoing exploration of sustained adequate rates needs to follow