

Saskatchewan Employment Incentive (SEI)

Questions and Answers

Who is eligible for SEI?

Working parents with low incomes who earn a minimum of \$500 per month from employment before deductions may be eligible for a financial benefit of up to \$400, \$500 or \$600 per month, depending on the number of children they have between the ages of 0-12 years old, or 13-17 with special circumstances such as a child with a disability requiring child care.

SIS and SAID clients are not eligible for the SEI. If a client's employment income increases to the minimum of \$500 per month, SEI can provide a supportive way to leave SIS or SAID by providing Supplementary Health Benefit coverage and a financial benefit to continue working and supporting their family.

The SEI is replacing the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and Saskatchewan Employment Supplement (SES) programs.

While both programs will continue to be available to existing clients for an additional 12 months, existing clients will be better off with the benefits and supports through the SEI and Social Services will help those who are eligible with the transition.

SES/CCS clients who wish to apply for SEI, should call 1-888-488-6385 to learn more and request that their CCS or SES file be closed. Parents cannot receive CCS or SES benefits while receiving SEI benefits.

What is included in my family income?

It is your responsibility to report all applicable income every month.

In addition to your employment and/or self-employment income, the following sources of income count toward your "total family income" and must be reported. The income sources that may impact the amount of your benefit include: Canada Pension Plan (early retirement, children's benefit), Canada Pension Plan Disability, employment pension or annuity payment, Employment Insurance, child support, spousal support, Workers Compensation Benefits, Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Saskatchewan Seniors Income Plan, income from renters, lottery or casino winnings, inheritances, gifts, donations, and e-transfers.

Examples of income sources that are exempt and do not impact your SEI financial benefit include: Canada Child Benefit, Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement, Saskatchewan Housing Benefit, Income Tax refunds, GST payments, Federal government rebates/incentives, Level of Care income, payments for the care of a child, insurance payments, honoraria paid by government, scholarships, loans, settlements from First Nations, income from sale of assets, income earned by dependent children, Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) and Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), or Canada Pension Plan (CPP) children's benefit.

What is the maximum and minimum income to stay eligible for SEI?

You need to have a minimum of \$500 per month from employment and or self-employment earnings before deductions to receive the SEI benefit. Maximum SEI benefit amounts are available when your family income falls between \$500 and \$2,200 per month. When your family income is over \$2,200 per month, the SEI benefit is reduced by 30 cents for every additional dollar over \$2,200.

How do I complete or make changes to my monthly report?

You will receive a notification when you are to submit your monthly income report. You will have the ability to amend your last two monthly income reports if you discover you have made an error in reporting. If there is a change to older reports, an online communication form must be submitted to make the change.

What if I don't submit my report?

Your monthly SEI benefit will be held until you submit your completed report. If an income report is not completed for two consecutive months, your benefit will end. You may reapply for SEI if your situation changes.

What date will be used to determine my eligibility?

If found eligible for the SEI program, your eligibility or program start date will be the day your application and consent have been submitted to the Ministry.

Can I add my children to my case if I am in a shared custody situation?

Each parent in a joint custody arrangement can add the same child or children to their file as long as both parents are receiving the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) for the child or children. Clients must be prepared to provide supporting documentation if requested by the Ministry.

I have a 13-17 year old who requires childcare so I can go to work. Can I add that child to my case?

Children aged 13-17 requiring childcare due to special circumstances can be identified within your application. You will be required to provide written verification from a referring professional confirming a child care need exists. Your request will be reviewed by a ministry representative and you will be contacted by email or SMS if further information is required.

I am not a permanent resident, but work and have children in my care, am I eligible?

You must be receiving the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) or are a Person of Sufficient Interest (PSI) and have children in your care to be eligible for SEI. If you are not currently receiving the CCB based on your residency status, you will not be eligible for SEI.

I am not 18 years old, but I work and have a child in my care, can I apply?

You can apply for the SEI on or after your 18th birthday. SEI applications cannot be made beforehand.

Am I eligible for SEI if I am currently receiving benefits through SIS or SAID?

No. You can only be enrolled in one program at a time. If you are receiving benefits through the Saskatchewan Income Support or Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability programs, income exemption are available to those who have employment income.

Please speak to your IA worker about how to transition to the SEI, if it better meets your needs.

When will I receive my financial incentive?

If you complete your monthly report before the tenth of the month, you will receive your benefit by the 15th. If you complete your monthly report before the 25th of the month, you will receive your benefit on or about the first of the following month.

What if I do not have a bank account?

SEI financial benefits are paid by direct deposit. If you are unable to open a bank account, you will need to submit an online communication form as part of your application to request consideration for payment by cheque. This will require confirmation you are not able to open a bank account.

Will I be eligible for health benefits?

If you are receiving the SEI, you and your family may be eligible for Supplementary Health benefits. A nomination will be submitted for health coverage on behalf of anyone eligible for SEI, and once processed, you will receive a letter from the Ministry of Health advising you of your eligibility for the Supplementary Health benefits. For more information see the [Supplementary Health Benefits page](#).

Am I still eligible for the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit (SHB) if I am receiving SEI?

Through an application to the SEI, you can let us know if you have a need for financial support for rent and are interested in the SHB. A representative from SHB program will then contact you to review your eligibility.

Anyone receiving SHB when they apply for SEI can continue to receive the SHB if eligible for SEI.

Are discount bus passes available through SEI?

Eligible SEI families will be able to receive a discount on bus passes in Saskatchewan's seven largest cities.

Please contact the municipality directly for information on how to purchase a monthly bus pass at a discounted rate. To be eligible for the discount, the municipality will require you to present one piece of identification and a verification document, in one of the following formats:

- SEI cheque stub/remittance slip;
- Monthly Budget Summary obtained from a ministry upon request through an online communication form; or
- A copy of a bank statement showing a deposit of benefits from the Ministry of Social Services Income Assistance program.

Do I get any help from SEI to improve my employment situation?

Employment services provided by the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training include job searching, job matching, job coaching, career planning, and job training for Saskatchewan residents throughout the province. These supports are designed to develop and match the skills of workers with the skills needed by employers.

Families will be able to connect with employment support and services provided by the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training.

More information on these services can be found on [Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca).

How do I change my address or update my contact information?

You can update your address, phone number or email address at any time by logging into your [Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca) account and selecting the SEI service to update your address. You will be required to provide the date of the move or change, new phone number, email address, street address, city, postal code, province and mailing address if different than your physical address.

How do I report a change of circumstances?

A change of circumstance relates to any change affecting your eligibility for the SEI (i.e. employment, income or family composition). It is your responsibility to keep your case up to date so your benefit can be assessed accurately. All changes to your family circumstances such as adding or removing family members must be done at the time of your monthly report. You will receive notification each month when your monthly report is due. To complete your monthly report log into your [Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca) account and select the SEI monthly report service.

How do I change or update my banking information?

Log into your [Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca) account, select the SEI service and enter your current banking information. You will be required to submit a void cheque or a direct deposit request form from your bank for verification.

Why are you asking for my indigenous status?

Self-declaration of your status is voluntary and confidential. This information is gathered for statistical purposes and does not affect your eligibility.

What if I need assistance to complete my application, upload my documents, or make changes to my SEI account?

You will be able to submit a request for support through an online form if you have questions regarding your SEI application or SEI case. You will receive a response within 5 business days.

What if I need assistance with my Saskatchewan.ca account?

If you are experiencing technical issues with your Saskatchewan.ca account you can contact technical support by completing a form available on their website under [Contact Us](#).

How do I cancel my SEI account?

You can submit a request to close your SEI case at any time. Log into your [Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca) account, select the SEI service, and submit an online communication form.