

Good news!

**Contact your
caseworker for
more information,
or call
1-877-424-1177**



**If you work
while on
Income Assistance
you will
take home
more money**



Policy rules

These rules show how much IA you keep if you work.

Regular Employment

Monthly Earnings	Amount that you keep
\$0–\$250	100%
\$250–\$500	\$250 PLUS 75% of any money earned over \$250
\$500–\$750	\$437.50 PLUS 50% of any money earned over \$500
Over \$750	\$562.50 PLUS 25% of any money earned over \$750

Supported Employment

“Supported Employment” means employment of a person whose physical, mental or cognitive abilities prevent them from working on their own without continuous support.

Monthly Earnings	Amount that you keep
\$0–\$350	100%
\$350–\$500	\$350 PLUS 75% of any money earned over \$350
\$500–\$750	\$462.50 PLUS 50% of any money earned over \$500
Over \$750	\$587.50 PLUS 25% of any money earned over \$750

How much Income Assistance do I keep?

That depends on how much you earn, but everyone working will end up with more money. Here is one person who will take home more money because they got a job.

Scenario – Maggie



- Is single.
- Is renting her home.
- Has no dependents.
- Without wages, Maggie's IA cheque is \$650 a month.
- Maggie got a new job and earns \$750 per month.

**Maggie takes home \$1212 in total:
\$750 in wages plus \$462 of Income Assistance.**

How can I learn more?

- Try our Employment Income Estimator:
novascotia.ca/apps/dcs-estimator
- Contact your caseworker or call **1-877-424-1177**.

To do

- ☐ Let your caseworker know if you get a new job or become self-employed.
- ☐ Each month, report your monthly earnings on your income statement and submit it by the deadline.

We can help

- We can help you get a job if you don't have one.
- We can help you with things you need for work, like uniforms, transportation and childcare.
- You may still receive pharmacare benefits for up to one year if you stop being a client of Income Assistance.