

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR SENIORS

# ARE YOU TURNING 65?

July 2016

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## Federal Pension and Financial Assistance Programs for Seniors

Apply at least six months before your 65th birthday:

- » Canada Pension Plan
- » Old Age Security
- » Guaranteed Income Supplement

Contact:

Service Canada  
1-800-277-9914  
[www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca)

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## Provincial Financial Assistance Programs for Seniors

You should receive a Seniors Financial Assistance application package in the mail three months before your 65th birthday. If you did not receive the application package, call the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992.

### Seniors Financial Assistance

One application will help you access the following programs:

- » Alberta Seniors Benefit
- » Special Needs Assistance for Seniors
- » Dental Assistance for Seniors
- » Optical Assistance for Seniors

You can also apply for these home-equity loan programs for seniors home owners:

- » Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program
- » Seniors Home Adaptation and Repair Program

Contact:

Alberta Supports Contact Centre  
1-877-644-9992  
[www.albertasupports.ca](http://www.albertasupports.ca)

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# Prescription Drugs and Health-Related Coverage

## Alberta Blue Cross Coverage for Seniors

When an Alberta resident reaches 65 years of age, the resident and all eligible dependants automatically qualify for premium-free Alberta Blue Cross Coverage for Seniors, sponsored by Alberta Health.

To register, seniors must provide proof of being 65 years of age or older such as a birth certificate, Old Age Security entitlement letter, passport, immigration record, or naturalization or citizenship certificate.

A Proof of Age Declaration form is included in the Seniors Financial Assistance application package.

## Contact:

Alberta Blue Cross  
1-800-661-6995  
[www.ab.bluecross.ca](http://www.ab.bluecross.ca)

You may mail the Proof of Age Declaration to the address on the form, or provide your proof of age to select Alberta government registry agents. For a list of registries or to print a Proof of Age Declaration contact:

Alberta Health  
780-427-1432  
Toll-free 310-0000, then  
780-427-1432  
[www.health.alberta.ca](http://www.health.alberta.ca)

## PHONE:

Alberta Supports Contact Centre, toll-free at 1-877-644-9992 or 780-644-9992 in the Edmonton area

Deaf or hearing impaired with TDD\TTY units, call 1-800-232-7215 or 780-427-9999 in the Edmonton area

## MAIL:

Seniors and Housing  
P.O. Box 3100  
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4W3  
Fax: 780-422-5954

## WEBSITE:

[www.seniors-housing.gov.ab.ca](http://www.seniors-housing.gov.ab.ca)