

# Guaranteed Income Supplement

## Eligibility

### To be eligible, you must:

- receive the Old Age Security (OAS) pension; and
- have an annual income (or in the case of a couple, a combined income) from the previous year lower than the eligible threshold. For information on the threshold, go to [Canada.ca](http://Canada.ca) and search for “OAS payment amounts.”

## How to apply

Complete, sign and mail the **Application for the Guaranteed Income Supplement (ISP3025)** to Service Canada. If you apply after you become eligible, you could receive a retroactive payment. The maximum retroactive payment is 11 months from the date Service Canada receives your application.

Once you apply, your eligibility will be re-assessed every year as long as you file your Income Tax and Benefit Return with the Canada Revenue Agency before the annual deadline. If your taxes are not filed on time, you must complete, sign and mail to Service Canada the **Statement of Income for the Renewal of the Guaranteed Income Supplement, the Allowance or the Allowance for the Survivor (ISP3026)**, to continue receiving the Supplement.

## Required documents

### Note

Service Canada staff can certify pension related documents for free. If you cannot visit a Service Canada office, the document **How to Certify Photocopies for the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security (ISP1730)** contains a list of professions whose members can certify documents.

**If you are married**, you must provide a certified copy of your marriage certificate. If you are not able to, call Service Canada.

**If you are in a common-law relationship**, complete and mail the **Statutory Declaration of Common-law Union form (ISP3004)** to Service Canada. You must provide certified copies of documents to prove you have been living together for at least 12 months. Examples include income tax and benefit returns, joint bank account statements, and shared utility bills.

## For more information

**Click** [Canada.ca/GIS](https://Canada.ca/GIS)

**Call** 1-800-277-9914 (please have your Social Insurance Number available)

**Visit** a [Service Canada office](#)

Forms are available on [Canada.ca](https://Canada.ca).  
Search by form name or document number  
(e.g. ISP3025).

This document is available on demand in multiple formats by contacting 1 800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232), teletypewriter (TTY), 1-800-926-9105.

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