



Health Benefits

Through Alberta Works, people who are eligible for income support receive a health benefits card for themselves and their dependants. The card covers premium-free Alberta Health Care, dental care, eye care and glasses, prescriptions, essential diabetic supplies and emergency ambulance services.

Adults who leave income support may continue to receive health benefits through the Alberta Adult Health Benefit.

Children living in low-income families are eligible for premium-free health benefits through the Alberta Child Health Benefit. Parents must apply to receive this health coverage for their children.



Child Support Services

Obtaining child support payments can make a big difference to low-income families. Alberta Works helps parents get the legal agreements or court orders they need to obtain child support. When necessary, the Maintenance Enforcement Program, administered by Alberta Justice, enforces support agreements or orders.



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Alberta Works provides a hand up when people need it to become self-reliant and better able to support their families.

Click: www.gov.ab.ca/hre/albertaworks

Call our contact centre:

Toll free: 1-866-644-5135 or

Edmonton area: (780) 644-5135

Come in: Visit an Alberta Human Resources and Employment Service Centre



Alberta Works

The goal of Alberta Works is to help unemployed people find and keep jobs in their communities, help low-income Albertans cover their basic costs of living, and help employers meet their need for skilled workers.

Alberta Works brings together Employment and Training Services, Income Support, Health Benefits and Child Support Services to better help Albertans.

Adults with a permanent disability that severely impairs their ability to earn a livelihood may be eligible to receive assistance through a separate program called Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH).

Different people have different needs. That's why Alberta Works includes a number of different ways to help.



Employment and Training Services

Albertans want to work and employers need to fill job vacancies. Alberta Works helps by providing people with:

- up-to-date career, workplace and labour market information available in-person, by phone and online,
- career planning and job-search assistance, and
- job order bank and job placement services.

Alberta Works also assists adults to get the academic upgrading, language courses or job skills training they need to find and keep a job.

Training for work can take place at the workplace in partnership with employers, or in the classroom in partnership with colleges, technical institutes and private training providers. The cost of tuition, books and supplies is covered for those who are eligible.



Income Support

Alberta Works provides income support to Albertans who don't have the resources to meet their basic needs. Three general groups of people may qualify:

- people who are looking for work or working and need short-term assistance,
- people who need academic upgrading or training so they can get a job, and
- people who have difficulty working because of chronic mental or physical health problems or because of multiple barriers to employment.

The level of assistance depends on each individual's situation, including financial resources, special needs, ability to work and the number of children in the family.

Alberta Works gives people a hand up by helping with employment and training-related expenses, such as childcare and work clothes.