

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government will issue a one-time payment for seniors to help them cover the increased costs caused by the pandemic. Payments will be issued starting the week of July 6, 2020.

## ONE-TIME PAYMENT FOR SENIORS

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

No application is required. All individuals who are eligible to receive the Old Age Security (OAS) pension or an income-tested benefit in June 2020 will receive the payment.

If an individual becomes entitled to an OAS pension or income-tested benefit retroactively to June 2020 (or earlier), the payment will be issued later.

Individuals who are not eligible for an OAS pension or an income-tested benefit in June 2020, but are eligible in July 2020 or subsequently, will not receive the payment. This includes individuals who have deferred the start date of their OAS pension until July 2020 or later.

To change the start date to June 2020 or earlier, the applicant must make a request for withdrawal or cancellation in writing, and reapply as soon as possible. Any individual who may be eligible for an OAS pension in June 2020 will need to have their application processed by Sept 11, 2020 to receive the payment.

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### BENEFIT DETAILS

Individuals who are eligible to receive the OAS pension or an income-tested benefit in June 2020 will receive one payment:

- OAS pension recipients will receive \$300. This includes non-resident and partial pension recipients.
- Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) recipients will receive an additional \$200 (for a total payment of \$500).
- Allowance and Allowance for the Survivor recipients will receive \$500.

A separate payment will be made to each member of a married or common-law couple if eligible.

The payment is non-taxable. No taxes will be withheld and no tax slip will be issued. The individual does not need to report the payment on their 2020 tax return.

Any withholds on OAS or income-tested benefits (such as recovery tax, garnishment or statutory set-off) will not affect entitlement to the full amount of the payment.

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### PAYMENT DETAILS

The payment will be issued in the same manner as the recipient's OAS monthly benefits, but will be sent as a separate direct deposit or cheque.

Payments will be issued during the week of July 6, 2020. If you reside in Canada, you should receive the payment that week. If you reside outside Canada, the payment will be received in July, but expect delays for cheques given international postal disruptions.

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