

Other Tax Rates

Old Age Security Benefits

| Monthly Payments by Quarter | Old Age Security (OAS) ¹ | | Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) ² | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | Single | | Married | |
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 | 2021 |
| 1st | \$613.53 | \$615.37 | \$916.38 | \$919.12 | \$551.63 | \$553.28 |
| 2nd | 613.53 | 618.45 | 916.38 | 923.71 | 551.63 | 556.04 |
| 3rd | 613.53 | 626.49 | 916.38 | 935.72 | 551.63 | 563.27 |
| 4th | 614.14 | 635.26 | 917.29 | 948.82 | 552.18 | 571.15 |

TBA = To be announced

Notes

- (1) The Old Age Security (OAS) basic pension is a monthly taxable benefit available to individuals age 65 and over who have met certain Canadian residency requirements.

Generally, a minimum residence period of 40 years after age 18 is required in order to be eligible to receive the full pension entitlement. A minimum residence period of 10 years after age 18 is required in order to receive a partial pension entitlement.

Benefits may also be affected by a social security agreement with a previous country of residence. Individuals must apply in order to receive OAS benefits.

Individuals have an option to defer take-up of their OAS pension by up to five years past the age of eligibility, and subsequently receive a higher, actuarially adjusted pension.

The monthly OAS pension is increased by 0.6% for every month it is delayed up to a maximum of 36% at age 70.

For 2021, if an individual's net income is greater than \$79,845, 15% of the excess over this amount must be repaid. The full OAS pension is eliminated when net income reaches \$129,757.

Generally, full or partial OAS pension benefits may be paid indefinitely to non-residents, if the individual lived in Canada for at least 20 years after age 18. Otherwise, payment may be made only for the month of the individual's departure from Canada and for six additional months. The benefit may be reinstated once the individual returns to live in Canada.

The 2021 federal budget enhanced OAS benefits by introducing a one-time \$500 payment and then a 10% increase to regular, ongoing OAS payments. The enhancements apply to OAS pensioners who will be age 75 or over as of June 2022. The lump sum payment went out in August 2021 while the 10% increase is effective July 1, 2022.

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- (2) The Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) is a monthly non-taxable benefit paid to low-income OAS recipients. Eligibility to receive the benefit in 2021 is based on the annual income and marital status of the individual:
- Single, divorced, separated or widowed individuals—net income (excluding OAS and GIS) must be less than \$19,248.
 - Married individuals where both spouses/partners receive OAS benefits—combined net income (excluding OAS and GIS) must be less than \$25,440.

The amounts indicated in the table reflect the maximum monthly benefits. Beginning with the July 2020-2021 benefit year, GIS recipients can earn up to \$5,000 per year (previously \$3,500 per year) in employment income or self-employment income before triggering a reduction in GIS benefits ("earnings exemption"). The federal government also introduced a partial earnings exemption of 50%, which applies to the first \$10,000 of annual employment and self-employment income earned beyond the \$5,000 threshold.

An Allowance is also available to low-income individuals between the ages of 60 and 64 whose spouses/partners are eligible to receive the OAS and the GIS. To be eligible for this non-taxable monthly benefit, you must have lived in Canada for at least 10 years after the age of 18, and family net income in 2021 must be less than \$35,616.

Couples who receive GIS and Allowance benefits and are forced to live apart for reasons beyond their control (such as requirement for long-term care) may be eligible to receive higher benefits based on their individual income.

Individuals must apply in order to receive GIS and/or Allowance benefits. Generally, individuals may automatically renew the GIS and Allowance by filing their income tax return.

The GIS and Allowance are not payable to non-residents beyond a period of six months after the month of departure. However, individuals may reapply upon return to Canada.

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