

Acts/Regulations <i>Social Assistance Act Reg. 10</i>	Program	Social Assistance	
	Subject	Transient Persons	Policy # 1.5
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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To define the eligibility for Social Assistance (SA) benefits of a transient person.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 **Applicant:** person who applied for, on whose behalf an application is made, or receives SA.

2.2 **Emergency Assistance:** financial assistance granted to an applicant on a one-time basis for a period of time not exceeding one month.

2.3 **Transient Person:** a person who is present in the province and whose apparent intent is to visit temporarily in the province.

2.4 **Supports Coordinator:** a staff member that provides direction and case management support in delivering a range of social benefits and services to applicants eligible for Social Programs.

2.5 **Support Needs Assessment (SNA):** systematic process for determining an applicant's eligibility for SA and potential support needs.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENTS

3.1 A person who relocates to this province without a plan for self-sufficiency, an employment start date, or an established support network suggests their intent is to visit temporarily in the province and may be assessed as a transient person.

3.2 A plan for self-sufficiency does not include an application for financial assistance.

3.3 A transient person may be provided emergency assistance up to an amount considered adequate for the cost of a meal, overnight accommodation, and return transportation costs to their home country, province, state or a jurisdiction where the applicant has an established support network.

3.4 Transient persons in receipt of emergency assistance do not require a case plan.

4.0 PROCEDURE STATEMENTS

- 4.1 Supports Coordinators are responsible to inquire into the circumstances of an applicant to assess if the applicant is a transient person.
- 4.2 Where an applicant is assessed as a transient person, Supports Coordinators are responsible to complete a SNA with the applicant to confirm the applicant's eligibility for emergency assistance.
- 4.3 Where possible, transient persons are responsible to provide verification of their financial resources to support their application for emergency assistance.
- 4.4 Support Coordinators are responsible to inform the applicant of their eligibility in writing and of the applicant's right to appeal.

5.0 REFERENCES

- 5.1 SA Policy 2.2 Case Plans

HISTORY:

July 1, 2022: Editorial, content, and format changes. Procedure statements and references have been added. Policy number has changed from 3.5 to 1.5.