

Definitions

General Principle

The definitions contained in this glossary apply only to the income assistance program, including disability assistance, hardship assistance or a supplement.

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Administering Authority means the band, association of bands (tribal council) or other organization that is authorized by a funding agreement with Canada to administer the Social Development Program.

Annual Pass means an annual pass to use a public passenger transportation system in a transit service area established under section 25 of the *British Columbia Transit Act*.

Appellant means the person who commences an appeal under Chapter 2.7 Reconsiderations and 2.8 Appeals under INAC's *Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual, Vol 1, BC Region*.

Applicant means the person in a *family unit* who applies, under INAC's *Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual, Vol 1, BC Region*, for income assistance, disability assistance, hardship assistance or a supplement on behalf of the *family unit*, and includes:

- the person's spouse, if the spouse is a *dependent*, and
- the person's adult *dependents*.

PWD "Applicant" means a person who is applying for Social Assistance for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) and who:

(a) is 18 years of age at the time of applying for Social Assistance for PWD, and meets the financial eligibility requirements for Social Assistance for PWD in accordance with the INAC Manual; or

(b) is a person under 18 years of age who completes an Application for Social Assistance for PWD up to four months before his or her 18th birthday, and who is likely to be eligible for Social Assistance for PWD in accordance with the INAC Manual at the time of completing the Application and on his or her 18th birthday.

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BSDW (Band Social Development Worker) means a person employed by an Administering Authority for the purpose of administering INAC's Social Development Program on reserve.

Business Day means a day other than Saturday, Sunday, or a statutory holiday.

Child means an unmarried person under 19 years of age.

CPP means Canada Pension Plan

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- in relation to a person who has a severe physical impairment or a severe mental impairment, means the following activities:
 - prepare own meals
 - manage personal finances
 - shop for personal needs
 - use public or personal transportation facilities
 - perform housework to maintain the person's place of residence in acceptable sanitary condition
 - move about indoors and outdoors
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Dependant - in relation to another person - means anyone who resides with the person and who:

- is the spouse of the person,
- is the *dependent child* of the person, or
- indicates a parental responsibility for the person's *dependent child*.

Dependent Child means a child under the age of 19 who resides in the parents' place of residence for more than 50% of each month and relies on that parent for the necessities of life. A *dependent child* does not include a child who is 18 years of age and is a person who has been found eligible for social assistance for persons with disabilities, (See Chapter 8.1, Persons with Disabilities).

Recipients who identify that they have a child(ren) residing with them must indicate on the Application for Social Assistance form (901-27) the percentage of time the child(ren) resides with them.

Where parents state that they have sole custody or more than 50 percent custody of the child, there is no requirement for the parents to produce a legal document, unless both parents are claiming the child(ren) as a dependent child(ren) or one of them is also claiming the Shared Parenting Assistance (SPA) (see SPA, Chapter 5.8).

Dietitian means a registrant of the College of Dietitians of British Columbia.

Disability assistance means an amount for shelter and support provided under the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) *Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual, Volume 1, BC Region*. (need to add to this – is incomplete as the provincial definition notes that it is provided under the *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act*.)

Family unit means an *applicant* or a *recipient* and his or her *dependants* (see Chapter 4.4, Family Unit) who are:

- married; or
- any persons living in a marriage-like or dependant relationship, with or without dependent children.

First Nations Social Development Society (FNSDS) means the non-profit society that is authorized via a funding agreement with Canada to adjudicate the PWD Designation Application (SA 301) and the Monthly Nutritional Supplement Application (SA 401) on behalf of INAC.

Funding Services Officer (FSO) means an officer at INAC that represents the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Canada. An FSO's primary function is to manage Funding Agreements between the INAC and the Administering Authority.

Funeral services means all services related to burial, cremation and other funerary practices.

Health Canada means the department of the federal government of Canada responsible for national public health.

Health Benefits Request and Authorization (SA 205) – INAC, BC Region's form for the collection and protection of medical information, and is primarily for the recommendation and approval of health related costs for a client.

Health professional means a person who is authorized under an enactment in British Columbia to practice one of the following professions:

- *medical practitioner*
- registered psychologist
- registered nurse or registered psychiatric nurse
- occupational therapist
- physical therapist
- social worker

INAC means the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

Income assistance means an amount for shelter and support provided under INAC's *Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual, Volume 1, BC Region*.

Legal Representative means the legal representative is responsible for making decisions (such as burial or cremation) related to the funeral arrangements and arranging for payment of the costs. The legal representative, usually the nearest relative, is determined according to Section 5 (1) of the Province of British Columbia's *Cremation, Internment and Funeral Services Act*. [See Policy]

Medical practitioner means a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia who is entitled to practice under the *Health Professions Act*.

Midwife means a registrant of the College of Midwives of British Columbia.

MHSD means the BC provincial Ministry of Housing and Social Development

MNS means the monthly nutritional supplement.

Monthly Nutritional Supplement Application (SA 401) refers to INAC's application form for *disability assistance recipients* to apply for the MNS benefit.

Necessary funeral costs means items or services included within Schedule F of the Province of British Columbia's *Cremation, Internment and Funeral Services Act* that are necessary and appropriate.

Nurse practitioner means a member of the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia who is entitled to practice under the *Health Professions Act*.

Persons with Disabilities (PWD) designation means a designation provided to persons who have reached 18 years of age and have a severe mental (including a mental disorder) or physical impairment that meets all of the following criteria:

- in the opinion of a *medical practitioner*, the impairment is likely to continue for at least two years
- in the opinion of a *prescribed professional*, the impairment directly and significantly restricts the person's ability to perform *daily living activities* either continuously or periodically for extended periods
- as a result of those restrictions, the person requires an *assistive device*, the significant help or supervision of another person, or the services of an assistance animal to perform daily living activities.

Prescribed professional means a person who is authorized under an enactment to practice the profession of:

- *medical practitioner*
- registered psychologist
- registered nurse or registered psychiatric nurse
- occupational therapist
- physical therapist
- social worker
- chiropractor, or
- *nurse practitioner*

PWD means Persons with Disabilities. Please see *Persons with Disabilities (PWD) designation*.

Recipient means the person in a *family unit* to or for whom *income assistance, disability assistance, hardship assistance* or a supplement is provided under INAC's *Social Development Policy and Procedures Manual, Vol 1, BC Region*, for the use or benefit of someone in the *family unit*, and includes:

- the person's spouse, if the spouse is a dependant, and
- the person's adult dependants.

Responsible Persons means, in respect of a deceased person:

- a) a spouse of the person,
- b) in the case of a minor, a parent of the person, or
- c) in the case of a person sponsored to immigrate to Canada, a *sponsor*.

The costs of the funeral are to be paid for by the responsible person(s).

Funeral Service Provider means anyone providing *funeral services*, for example: a funeral home (funeral provider), a cemetery, a crematorium.

SIN means Social Insurance Number issued by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada

Sponsor means a sponsor or co-sponsor of a person sponsored to immigrate to Canada under the *Immigration Act (Canada)* or the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)*, if the undertaking given or co-signed by the sponsor is still in effect.

