



## **What you need to know about Yukon Seniors Income Supplement**

The Yukon Seniors Income Supplement (YSIS) provides financial support to low income seniors in Yukon.

Yukon residents 65 years old and older who are receiving old age security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) from the federal government may also be eligible for the Yukon Seniors Income Supplement (YSIS).

The YSIS ranges from \$10 to \$200 a month.

It is also paid to spouses between 60 and 65 years of age who receive the Spouses Allowance or the Widowed Spouses Allowance.

### **Frequently asked Questions about YSIS**

- ***I didn't apply for YSIS. How come I am now receiving it?***

Yukon seniors who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement from the federal government are automatically eligible to receive the YSIS. The federal government provides Yukon with names and addresses of eligible residents and cheques are automatically generated.

- ***The amount of my cheque changed last month. How come I am receiving more/less than before?***

The amount you receive is based on your income. If you cashed in an RRSP or a RIF, or reported earnings from a part time job, then your cheques will be reduced according. If there is a change in your marital status, the amount you receive will also change.

The YSIS is to supplement low income seniors. Those with adequate incomes will not receive the amount or will receive less.

The amount of your YSIS cheque may also be affected by any changes to the Old Age Security or Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits. For example, the GIS is reassessed every July to account for the previous year's income. This may result in decreased GIS payments which would also reduce the YSIS payment.

- ***What else could impact the amount of money I get each month?***

On a quarterly basis, the federal government adjusts the amount based on the consumer price index. This happens in January, April, July and October.

- ***I didn't get a cheque last month. How come?***

The YSIS is also tied to income tax so if you made an error on your return, have not completed or filed your income tax by the deadline of April 30, your benefit will be cut off. Once your taxes are completed, and you continue to qualify for the YSIS, you will receive back payments.

- ***How long will it take you to process a cheque once my taxes are done?***

Once we have updated information, we can process cheques quite quickly.

- ***Who do I call if my cheque doesn't arrive, or is stolen?***

If you have any questions about receipt of your YSIS cheque, you must call Social Services at 667-5137 right away. If you have other questions about the YSIS benefit, call 456-3946 and staff will be able to assist you with your inquiries. Please have a copy of your bank statement or cheque stubs when you call.

To avoid the possibility of cheques being stolen or not arriving, you should consider having the YSIS deposited directly into your bank account. Talk to staff about how to do this.

- ***I received a tax document last year. What do I do with it?***

If you receive the YSIS, you will receive a T5000 tax form. This must be submitted as part of your income tax but will not impact the amount of money that you receive from the government. The only income that impacts what you receive is RRSP, RIF or if you receive any other money (inheritance, part time job).