



What you need to know about the Yukon Seniors Income Supplement (YSIS)

The Yukon Seniors Income Supplement (YSIS) provides financial support to low-income seniors. Those with higher incomes will not receive the YSIS or will receive a reduced amount.

YSIS monthly payments range from \$10 to a maximum of \$253.25 a month.

Yukon residents must be 65 years old and receive Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) from the federal government to be eligible for the YSIS. It is also paid to spouses between 60 and 64 years of age who receive the Spouses Allowance or the Survivors Allowance.

Frequently asked Questions about YSIS

I didn't apply for YSIS, why am I now receiving it?

The federal government provides the Government of Yukon with the names and addresses of Yukon residents who receive GIS benefits. The YSIS monthly benefit is automatically calculated based on the GIS benefit amount.

The amount of my payment changed last month, why am I receiving more / less than before?

The GIS and YSIS amount you receive is based on your income from the previous calendar year. If you cashed an RRSP or an RIF, or reported earnings from a part-time job, then your GIS and YSIS will be reduced accordingly. If there is a change in your marital status, the amount you receive may also change.

The amount of your YSIS benefit is also affected by any increases or decreases in your GIS benefit amount. The YSIS benefit amount may also increase slightly on a quarterly basis to reflect changes in the consumer price index.

I did not receive a payment last month, how come?

YSIS is based on your income from the previous calendar year. If you do not complete your tax return by April 30 your YSIS will likely be terminated in July of that year. Therefore, it is critical that you complete your tax return on time to avoid disruptions to your YSIS payments.

If I did not complete my tax return by April 30, how long will it take to process an YSIS payment?

We cannot process your payment until we receive an update from the federal government regarding your GIS benefit amount. This can take up to 90 days or longer.

Who do I call if my payment doesn't arrive, or is lost / stolen?

If you have any questions a YSIS payment call the Income Support unit at:
1-867-667-5674 or toll-free at: 1-800-661-0408, extension 5674.

I received a tax document (T5007), what do I do with it?

If you receive more than \$500 in a calendar year of YSIS benefits, you will receive a T5007 tax form. Your T5007 is to be submitted as part of your tax return. Because of your lower income, you should not be taxed for receiving it. However, if your income increased substantially due to employment, cashing in a RRSP/RIF or capital gains, this income may be taxed and this may affect your GIS and YSIS benefit amounts.

Please note: Changes to your information

If your marital status, address or banking information change you are required to update this information with both Service Canada and Yukon Health and Social Services.

For further information

For more information on the Canada Pension Plan, OAS or GIS programs contact Service Canada by phone at 1-800-277-9914 or refer to the Service Canada website at canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions

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