

### **Start- up costs for all Provinces (excluding Quebec)**

Start-up costs include a one-time payment intended to cover the initial cost of settling in Canada (Please see below for specific breakdown). **Note:** for BVOR and PSR clients, start-up costs are provided by the sponsor.

Family size	Household composition	Staple allowance	Basic clothing allowance	Winter clothing allowance	Basic household needs	Furniture allowance	Linens \$ 80 per person	Utility installation (\$75 per household )
1	Single adult without accompanying dependants	\$210	\$375	\$175	\$600	\$1,550	\$80	\$75
2	Single plus one dependant	\$300	\$625	\$300	\$650	\$2,440	\$160	\$75
	Couple without accompanying dependants	\$300	\$750	\$350	\$650	\$2,280	\$160	\$75
3	Single plus two dependants	\$390	\$875	\$425	\$700	\$2,880	\$240	\$75
	Couple plus one dependant	\$390	\$1,000	\$475	\$700	\$2,560	\$240	\$75
4	Couple plus two dependants	\$480	\$1,250	\$600	\$750	\$3,185	\$320	\$75
5	Couple plus three dependants	\$570	\$1,500	\$725	\$800	\$3,885	\$400	\$75
6	Couple plus four dependants	\$660	\$1,750	\$850	\$850	\$4,305	\$480	\$75
	<b>For each additional dependant</b>	\$90	\$250	\$125	\$50	\$420	\$80	

**School start- up allowance: \$150/school-aged child per school year while on RAP.** Families who arrive between September 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> may be eligible to receive the entitlement twice.

**Staple allowance:** is provided to set up a household with basic pantry items and cleaning supplies.

**Basic household needs allowance:** is intended for the purchase of basic window coverings, common household products such as kitchen utensils, pots, pans brooms, mops, etc.

**Furniture allowance:** is provided so that clients have basic furniture items such as beds, dressers, sofa, loveseats, and dinette sets, etc. This benefit can be provided either in cash or in goods.

**Regular and seasonal clothing allowance:** clients should receive a regular and seasonal clothing allowance of \$375 for adults and \$250 per dependant child in their start-up cheque regardless of arrival date in Canada.

**Winter clothing allowance:** clients who arrive in Canada between October 15th and April 15th should receive winter clothing at the port of entry. Clients arriving between April 16th and October 14th do not receive winter clothing at the port of entry and therefore should be issued the winter clothing allowance in their RAP cheque. PSR and BVOR clients do not typically receive winter clothing at the port of entry, therefore sponsors should provide for winter clothing either in cash or in goods.

**Utility installation allowance:** is a one-time allowance per household to cover the costs of utility and/or telephone connection fees.

**Linens allowance:** linens include bed linens, towels, etc. Provided either in cash (\$80 per person) or in goods by the reception center.

**School start-up allowance:** is an allowance of \$150 provided for each school-age child and young adult between the ages of 4 and 21 attending provincial educational institutions (K-12). Some families may require the amount twice, if the entitlement period spans two school years. Families who arrive between September 1 and May 31 are eligible to receive the entitlement twice.

**\*The above rates are in effect as of October 2017.**

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