

Social Assistance: our proposals

1. Basic rates

- Increase the basic rate by 16.9% in 2020-2021 for single persons considered employable and index it for inflation afterwards.
- Increase the basic rate by 8.77% in 2020-2021 for all other recipients and index it for inflation afterwards.
- Have total annual revenues equal the Market Basket Measure gradually throughout 10 years (2020-2030) for all recipients.

2. People with a disability

- Implement a new program called *New Brunswick Assured Income for the Disabled*.
- Increase the basic rate by 8.77% in 2020-2021 and index it for inflation afterwards.
- Have the total annual revenue equal to the Market Basket Measure.

3. Modification of the Social Assistance Policy Manual

a) Modifications to be made in 2020-2021

- ✓ Deduction of Employment Income
- ✓ Recognized disability
- ✓ Appeal System.

b) Revisions to be made in 2020-2021 and afterwards

- ✓ Adult children living with parents
- ✓ CPP deduction at 60 years of age
- ✓ Special Benefits
- ✓ Economic Unit Policy
- ✓ Termination of assistance

4. Housing

- Use a significant portion of the \$78 million from the federal and provincial governments to invest in the renovation of existing social housing.
- Reserve a significant portion of the money for social housing managed by the cooperative or the not-for-profit sectors, rather than the private sector.

- 5. Prejudices:** Develop a strong public awareness provincial campaign to fight prejudices towards people living in poverty.

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