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Ministry of Human Resources

**BC EMPLOYMENT AND ASSISTANCE  
SHELTER ALLOWANCE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002**

The following changes will take place to shelter allowances:

- The shelter rates for persons with disabilities (DB2), single people and two-person families will be maintained.
- For non-DB2 families with three or more persons, shelter rates will be restructured to equal increments of \$35 per month per child.
- Shelter rates are based on the number of people in a family.
- Therefore a single parent with two children will be eligible for the same rate as an adult couple with one child.

**New Shelter Rates**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Shelter Rate Increments</b>	<b>Monthly Shelter Rate Maximum</b>
1 person	N/A	\$325
2 person	\$195	\$520
3 persons	\$35	\$555
4 persons	\$35	\$590
5 persons	\$35	\$625
6 persons	\$35	\$660
7 persons	\$35	\$695
8 persons	\$35	\$730
Each additional person	\$35	

**WHO IS AFFECTED**

- This change will affect non-DB2 families with three or more people.
- People with shared parenting agreements whose child lives with them more than twelve days a month.

**WHEN THE CHANGE WILL OCCUR**

- The change will be effective July 1, 2002. The change will be reflected in the July cheque issue for August.