

The Government of Canada is continuing to improve the financial security of Canadians in retirement after a lifetime of hard work by increasing Old Age Security for older seniors to help with their extra financial needs.

ONE-TIME PAYMENT FOR OLDER SENIORS AND OAS INCREASES

WHAT'S NEW

The Federal Government is increasing the OAS pension for seniors aged 75 and over as part of Budget 2021. The increase will be implemented in two stages:

- A taxable one-time payment of \$500.00 in August 2021 to seniors who are 75 and over as of June 30, 2022; and
- A permanent 10% increase to the monthly OAS pension for seniors aged 75 and over, beginning in July 2022.

The purpose of the one-time payment is to meet the immediate needs of OAS pensioners aged 75 and over until the permanent increase to their pension is implemented in July 2022. **No action is required by seniors, who will automatically receive the payment if they are eligible.** You will find additional information that may be helpful at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions/cpp/old-age-security/one-time-payment-older-seniors.html>

Additionally, in July 2021, the OAS benefit will automatically increase 1.3% for all seniors, bringing the maximum monthly OAS pension amount to \$626.49, up from \$618.45.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Notification letters will be mailed out to eligible pensioners starting early July advising of the payment that will be issued the week of August 16, 2021. The one-time payment will be issued in the same manner as the recipient's OAS monthly benefits, but will be sent as a separate direct deposit or paper cheque.

The one-time payment for older seniors is taxable for income tax purposes, but will not be considered income for determining entitlement to income-tested benefits (i.e. Guaranteed Income Supplement, Allowance or Allowance for the Survivor benefits).