

Application Checklist – Turning 65

Many of the following programs require you to file a tax return for the current year before April 30. More information about these and other programs is available in this guide.

Federal Government

Apply at least six months before your 65th birthday

- Old Age Security (OAS)**
- Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)**
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)**

Contact:

Service Canada 1-800-277-9914
www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Provincial Government

You should receive a Seniors Financial Assistance application package in the mail three months before your 65th birthday. If you do not, call the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992

- Seniors Financial Assistance:**
One application to access the following programs:
 - **Alberta Seniors Benefit**
 - **Dental Assistance for Seniors**
 - **Optical Assistance for Seniors**
 - **Education Property Tax Assistance for Seniors**
 - **Special Needs Assistance for Seniors**

Contact:

Alberta Supports Contact Centre
1-877-644-9992
www.health.alberta.ca

Alberta Blue Cross Coverage for Seniors (prescription medications)

- Provide proof of age**
A *Proof of Age Declaration* form is included in the Seniors Financial Assistance application package.
(Provide a copy of ONE of the following: birth certificate, passport, Canada Entry document, Old Age entitlement letter, or baptismal certificate.)

Contact:

Alberta Blue Cross 1-800-661-6995
www.ab.bluecross.ca

You may mail the *Proof of Age Declaration* to the address on the form, or provide your proof of age to select registry agents across Alberta. For a list of registries or to print a *Proof of Age Declaration* contact:

Alberta Health
780-427-1432
www.health.alberta.ca

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