

## Nova Scotia Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) rates

Monthly income support is intended to cover basic needs such as food, incidentals, shelter, transportation and a communication allowance. Other special allowances may be added based on need.

Family size	Household composition	Basic needs allowance	Shelter allowance	Communication allowance
1	Single adult	\$275	\$300*	\$30/file
2	Couple	\$550	\$570	\$30/file
	Single parent and one child	\$275	\$570	\$30/file
3	Couple and one child	\$550	\$620	\$30/file
	Single parent and two children	\$275	\$620	\$30/file
Up to <b>\$535</b> in special circumstances *				
<b>Housing Supplement: up to a maximum of \$200</b> , may be issued when actual housing expenses exceed the basic shelter allowance.				
<b>Age of Majority top up:</b> for dependants turning <b>18</b> in provinces where the age of majority is <b>19</b> . A living allowance supplement can be issue for <b>\$150</b> plus the cost of transportation allowance based on the current cost of monthly public transportation in their community of residence.				

Transportation rate	
Halifax	<a href="https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/fares-tickets-passes">https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/halifax-transit/fares-tickets-passes</a>
Transportation allowance is provided to each adult as per the rate of public transit in their community. For rates, consult the link above.	
Note: in communities where there is no public transit, a flat transportation rate of <b>\$75</b> is issued.	

Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVORs)
<p>Refugees sponsored through the Blended VOR Program are eligible for the following income support benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and incidentals (basic needs),</li> <li>• Basic shelter,</li> <li>• Transportation, and</li> <li>• Maternity food allowance (if applicable).</li> </ul> <p>The remaining costs, including start-up, national housing supplement, communication allowance and additional special expenses as required, are covered by the sponsoring group.</p>

Special allowances		
Allowance	Frequency	Rate
Maternity Food	Monthly	\$75
Maternity Clothing	One-time	\$200
Newborn Allowance	One-Time	\$750
Dietary Allowance	Monthly	\$ 75
Funeral/Burial Allowance		Costs are reviewed case by case based on provincial rates.

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