

It's only a matter of time!

When you are a committed job seeker, it's only a matter of time before you land your next job! And when you do, we want to hear about it! We want to celebrate with you and make your transition to employment an ongoing success!

So be sure to let us know:

- the name of your new employer
- your start date
- the number of hours per week you'll be working
- your expected rate of pay, and
- details regarding any additional expenses, child care or changes you are facing, so that we can help you plan.

How do you get Employment Benefits?

Whenever you are faced with an employment-related expense, contact your caseworker to get the support you need.

In most cases, requests for assistance can be made over the phone, but sometimes more information may be required. You may need to provide an estimate or written confirmation.

To learn more about **Employment Benefits**, contact Employment Services staff at:

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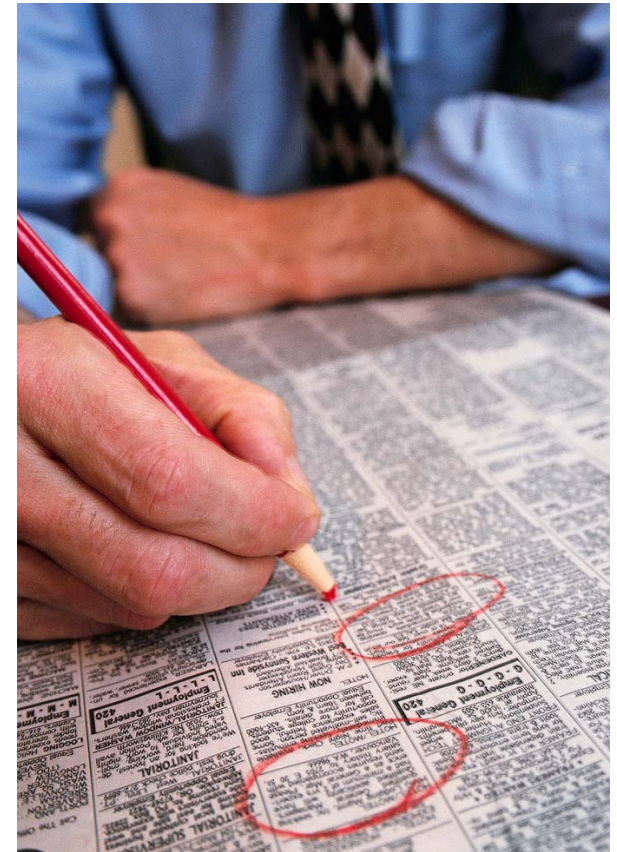
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If you just landed a new job or you are searching for a job, you have some expenses. You may be able to get some extra \$\$ to cover expenses like these:

Clothing, Grooming & Special Equipment

- A new outfit or a haircut while job searching, attending a job interview or starting a new job
- Work clothes, work boots or safety equipment (such as a hard hat)
- Installation of a phone or purchase of short-term cell phone usage to make it easier for employers to reach you

Child Care

- The cost of licensed child care, a private caregiver or recreation program for your children while you are involved in job search activities or employment

Transportation

- Gas costs for job search
- Driver's licence renewal, licence plate renewal or vehicle certification
- Car insurance
- Bus tickets for local transit

Other Costs

- Course fees, book deposits and student fees for academic upgrading and/or skills training
- Union dues
- Medical certificate
- Criminal reference check, OR
- Any other costs you negotiate with your caseworker

When you do land your next job, you may also be eligible to receive the following:

Full-time Employment Benefit

If you are starting full-time work (30 hours or more per week) you may be able to receive up to \$500 to help cover work-related expenses. These can include transportation, clothing, equipment or any other costs you negotiate with your caseworker.

You may be eligible to receive this benefit if you have been on assistance at least 3 months, are starting full-time employment, and have not received this benefit in the past year.

Earnings Exemption

No matter how much you earn, only half of that amount will be deducted from your Ontario Works cheque. If you have been on assistance for 3 months, you may be eligible for this exemption.

Child Care Coverage

If you pay for child care while working, you will be able to get extra help. Talk to your caseworker to discuss the range of options.

Extended Employment Health Benefit (EEHB)

If you leave assistance due to employment, you may be able to keep your health benefits for six months or until you get benefits from your employer.

EEHB provides the same range of health benefits that you received while on Ontario Works income assistance.