



# Federal Income Support for Parents of Murdered or Missing Children grant

*Going through the tragedy of the loss of a murdered or missing child can leave you grief stricken and unable to work. The Federal Income Support for Parents of Murdered or Missing Children (PMMC) grant is available to assist with your financial needs while you are coping with this tragedy. It is available to eligible parents who have lost income from taking time away from work to cope with the death or disappearance of their child as a result of a probable Criminal Code offence.*

## Am I eligible?

To be eligible to receive the PMMC grant, you must meet both applicant and incident eligibility criteria.

### Applicant eligibility criteria

To be eligible for payment under the PMMC grant you must:

- be legally responsible for the child or children involved in the incident;
- have recent labour force attachment having earned at least \$6,500 in the previous calendar year or in the 52 weeks immediately prior to the incident;
- be on leave from all employment as a result of the incident, or if already on leave from employment at the time of the incident, be unable to return to work;
- have a valid Social Insurance Number (SIN);
- have not been charged with committing a probable *Criminal Code* offence that led to the death or disappearance of the child; and
- not currently be receiving any type of Employment Insurance (EI) benefits or Québec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) benefits.

## Incident eligibility criteria

The PMMC grant is payable if the incident meets the following criteria:

- the child must be deceased or missing as a result of a probable *Criminal Code* offence;
- the child must be under 18 at the time of the incident;
- the incident must have occurred in Canada on or after January 1, 2013;
- in the case of a missing child, the child must have been missing for over one week; and
- in the case of a deceased child, it is not probable that the child was a willing party to the crime that led to his or her death.

In addition to the criteria provided above, you must attest that:

- to the best of your knowledge, your child is missing or deceased as a result of a probable *Criminal Code* offence and you were not a willing party to the *Criminal Code* offence that led to the child's death or disappearance;
- to the best of your knowledge, your child was not a willing party to the *Criminal Code* offence that led to his or her death (where the child is deceased);
- you have completely stopped working from all employment; and
- you have declared any EI or QPIP benefits that you have received since the incident.

### Are you receiving Employment Insurance or Québec Parental Insurance Plan benefits?

If you are currently receiving EI or QPIP benefits or if you have received these benefits since the incident, indicate it on your **PMMC Application Form**. If you start receiving EI or QPIP benefits after you send your application, you must notify Service Canada by calling 1-877-842-5601 (TTY: 1-800-926-9105). While you cannot receive the PMMC income support grant **for the same weeks** you are receiving these other benefits, you may be entitled to receive the PMMC income support grant once your EI or QPIP benefits end.

## How do I apply?

To apply online, or to mail a printed application, please visit the Service Canada Web site at [www.servicecanada.gc.ca/pmmc](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/pmmc). The original signed PMMC Employment Form(s) and Incident Report Form must be sent to the PMMC Processing Centre at PO BOX 8232, Station T, Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 3H7.

**A PMMC Incident Report Form** – This form must be completed and stamped by the law enforcement agency where the incident was reported.

**A PMMC Employment Form** – This form must be completed and signed by each of your recent employers to demonstrate that you have earned a minimum of \$6,500 in the previous calendar year or the 52 weeks immediately prior to the incident and that you are on leave from all current employment.

If you are self-employed you must complete and sign a PMMC Employment Form on your own behalf and submit a Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment from the previous income tax year.

**Note:** PMMC Employment Form(s) and Incident Report Form(s) that you submit must be the original completed and signed or stamped versions and not copies or prints of electronic copies.

Your employer or the law enforcement agency may be contacted by Service Canada to confirm or request an update of the information provided.

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## How much am I eligible to receive and for how long?

If you are eligible to receive the PMMC grant, your payments will be \$350 a week, before tax, paid bi-weekly.

You may receive up to 35 weeks of income support during the 52-week period immediately following the incident.

PMMC grant payments are taxable and they must be declared as income for income tax purposes. T4A slips will be issued at the end of the year. For Québec residents, RL-1 slips will be issued.

## When will my payments stop?

Your payments will stop when the first of any of the following occurs:

- you return to work;
- the maximum number of weeks under the PMMC grant have been paid;
- two weeks following the week a missing child is found alive;
- the 52-week income support period has ended;
- you request that your grant payments stop;
- you are charged with a *Criminal Code* offence that led to the death or disappearance of the child. (If the recipient is not found guilty of the offence or any related offence, payments may resume if the Income Support Period has not expired and provided the eligibility criteria are met);
- any type of EI or QPIP benefits become payable.

## Where can I find out more about the Federal Income Support for Parents of Murdered or Missing Children grant?

For more detailed information about the Federal Income Support for Parents of Murdered or Missing Children grant or to access the forms to apply for this income support grant, visit our Web site at [www.servicecanada.gc.ca/pmmc](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/pmmc).

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