

Tapering of Benefits (Head of Household whose Spouse/Partner Started Employment)

Overview

Social Assistance beneficiaries can opt for the Tapering of Benefit scheme in the eventuality of the spouse participating in a gainful occupation, earns at least the National Minimum Wage or more and if the beneficiary has been in receipt of Social Assistance for at least 1 year in the last 3 years.

What you'll get

The awarded Tapering of Benefits rate is a percentage of the last Social Benefit rate awarded excluding bonuses:

- 65% of the benefit rate for the first year
- 45% of the benefit rate for the second year
- 25% of the benefit rate for the third year

Beneficiaries are paid in arrears every 4 weeks.

You may make use of an online [Calculator](#) to calculate your potential entitlement of the Tapering of Benefits.

Eligibility

General eligibility criteria:

Applicants who are in receipt of Unemployment Assistance or Social Assistance for 1 year in the last 3 years and the spouse is gainfully occupied earning the weekly National Minimum Wage or more.

How to apply

Fill in and submit the application [online](#).