

## 2011 EXPENSE RATES INFORMATION

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<b>Independent Living Allowance</b>	
AB	Level 1 Home Maintenance Allowance. Max. \$209.53/mth
BC	\$252.47 (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011) <a href="#">RSCM Vol. II #81.00</a>
MB	\$261/month. Effective October 1, 2010
NB	Seriously injured workers with a 60% or greater PPI may qualify for a quality of life grant of up to \$2,000 and then up to \$1,000 every five years.
NL	N/A
NT/NU	\$240 per month.
NS	N/A
ON	\$3,631.53/yr
PE	No fixed amount.
QC	Maximum of \$2,895 per year
SK	For home (routine property maintenance) or travel (hiring of transport services) costs. Paid annually, reviewed annually. It will continue during the lifetime of the injured worker, so long as the qualifying criteria are met. Given a maximum Personal Functional Impairment (PFI) = \$45,200 annually: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If PFI is 40% or greater: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Maximum independence living allowance = 5% of \$45,200 = \$2,260</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If PFI is greater than minimum PFI and up to 39% (inclusive): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Maximum independence living allowance = \$2,260 x (Actual PFI % ÷ 40%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
YT	No Fixed Amount.
<b>Personal Care Allowance</b>	
AB	Personal allowances are determined by the degree of personal care required, based on the policies of the Board of Directors. See <a href="#">Policy 04-07, Part II, Application 4</a> .
BC	From \$477.59 to \$1,923.21 per month (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011). Five categories. <a href="#">RSCM Vol. II #80.20</a>
MB	Level of attendant services depends on the reasonable level of care required. If the attendant care is provided by a family member, he or she will be paid \$10.41/hr. Effective October 1, 2010.
NB	From \$73.40 to \$1,670.79 per month based on 7 levels, indexed annually. Based on assessed need and includes, for example, activities of daily living, home maintenance, and physical care needs.
NL	Coverage is based on the individual needs of the injured worker and paid based on provincial rates for professional and personal care fees.
NT/NU	Attendants allowance from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per month. Three categories. Commission pays fee necessary to provide adequate care. Provision for purchase of special equipment over \$250.
NS	Section 103 of the Act – Where an injury renders a worker incapable of performing necessary personal care, the Board may (a) provide a monthly allowance to the worker for the workers' necessary personal care; or (b) provide necessary personal care. See Policy 2.1.6.

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<b>Personal Care Allowance</b>	
ON	General Attendant: \$10.25/hr <sup>1</sup> ; Personal Attendant Rate: \$13.40/hr; Skilled Attendant Rate: \$19.66/hr; Bookkeeping Fee: \$720.00 annually.
PE	No fixed amount.
QC	From \$66 to \$1,545 per month depending on severity.
SK	Four levels of Personal Care Allowance, paid monthly, adjusted for CPI annually. Effective January, 2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 1: \$405/month (\$4,860/year)</li> <li>• Level 2: \$813/month (\$9,756/year)</li> <li>• Level 3: \$1,618/month (\$19,416/year)</li> <li>• Level 4: \$2,032/month (\$24,384/year)</li> </ul>
YT	As appropriate-authorization required
<b>Clothing Allowance</b>	
AB	Effective January 1, 2006: \$715 (male), \$1,437 (female) for upper limb; \$444 (male), \$1,177 (female) for lower limb; \$1,087 (male), \$1,840 (female) for wheelchair set by the Board of Directors.
BC	Single, upper limb \$312.86 per annum; bilateral upper limbs \$627.24; lower limb or requires leg brace \$627.24; upper and lower limbs \$940.20 (January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010). <a href="#">RSCM Vol. II #79.00</a>
MB	Effective October 1, 2010: Upper body \$287 per year. Lower body \$573 per year. Upper & lower body \$860 per year. Wheelchair users \$860 per year.
NB	Allowances provided to offset costs of clothing; specialized clothing (indexed annually). Allowance of \$368.24, up to a max of \$736.49 when wearing prosthetics (indexed annually).
NL	Provided for. Max. \$300 per year.
NT/NU	Max. \$500 per year for pensioners with prostheses. \$1,000 per year for pensioners confined to a wheelchair.
NS	Section 102 of Act (Medical Aid); and Policy 2.1.5R2. Upper body \$350; lower body \$400; to a combined maximum of \$750 per year.
ON	Minor damage \$295.20 maximum; Major damage \$590.40 maximum
PE	\$225 for single prosthesis or brace; \$450 for double prosthesis or wheelchair user.
QC	Max. \$581 per annum by regulation for damage to clothes caused by a prosthesis or orthosis which is necessary because of a professional injury.
SK	Three categories of Clothing Allowance, paid monthly, adjusted for CPI annually: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upper limb: \$22.57/month (\$270.84/year)</li> <li>• Lower limb: \$49.82/month (\$597.84/year)</li> <li>• Both limbs: \$72.37/month (\$868.44/year)</li> </ul> Eye glasses frames expense: \$160.00.
YT	2010 rates: Upper prosthesis \$237 per annum; Lower prosthesis \$486 per annum. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Escorts</b>	
AB	Expenses as required
BC	Certain subsistence payments or reimbursement may be made for traveling companions in accordance with policy. <a href="#">RSCM Vol. II #83.11</a>
MB	Eligible for the same allowances as a claimant.
NB	May authorize attendants to accompany injured worker, accommodation costs paid for.
NL	Eligible for the same allowances as a claimant. Requires advance authorization.
NT/NU	Escorts receive same subsistence payments as claimant.

<sup>1</sup> set at minimum wage

<sup>2</sup> Amounts adjusted annually for inflation.

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<b>Escorts</b>	
NS	Policy 2.1.1R7. Expenses related to escorts may be paid. Each claim is reviewed on individual merit.
ON	\$82.00/day
PE	No fixed amount. Attendant fees will be paid only when the attendant is a health professional and the services of a health professional are medically required to accompany the worker to the medical appointment.
QC	If the worker's physical condition so requires, the person who must accompany him is entitled to the reimbursement of the travel et accommodation costs incurred, based on the same criteria and amounts as for the worker.
SK	The WCB may pre-approve travel and sustenance for attendants other than qualified medical personnel when it is considered essential because of the worker's injury, and confirmed by the treating physician and/or WCB medical consultant. The attendant will be reimbursed on the basis of actual salary loss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only for the period of time that such attendance was necessary; and</li> <li>• At a rate not to exceed the maximum compensation rate.</li> </ul> No salary loss will be paid if the worker receives a personal care allowance. If a worker requires a translator to be present at medical appointments, then the translator's transportation and sustenance will be reimbursed at government (PSC) rates.
YT	Expenses as required.
<b>Burial Expenses</b>	
AB	\$8,150. Cost associated with death \$1,300.
BC	Funeral Expenses \$8,312.82 (maximum); Transportation \$1,313.36 (maximum) (January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010). <a href="#">RSCM Vol. II #54.00</a>
MB	\$10,750 <sup>3</sup>
NB	\$7,557.00 less CPP burial entitlement. Additional monies may be paid if the body is transferred a considerable distance for burial.
NL	\$5,000 maximum
NT/NU	\$9,373 maximum
NS	Section 24 of <i>General Regulations</i> - \$5,000 maximum, provided: (a) application has been made for burial expenses payable pursuant to CPP; and (b) payment for burial expenses under the Canada Pension Plan has been made or refused.
ON	\$2,742.60 minimum. No maximum amount specified.
PE	Maximum \$4,000
QC	\$4,695 maximum
SK	Lump sum: \$11,860
YT	\$8,413
<b>Guide and Support Dog Allowance</b>	
AB	All associated costs.
BC	May be purchased with the Personal Care Allowance. <a href="#">RSCM Vol. II #80.10</a>
MB	Necessary Expenses
NB	N/A
NL	N/A

<sup>3</sup> Where the accident occurred on or after January 1, 2006, the deceased worker's dependants or estate will be awarded survivors' benefits based on the amounts in effect on the date of death, not the accident date.

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<b>Guide and Support Dog Allowance</b>	
NT/NU	Necessary Expenses
NS	102 (1) The Board may provide for any worker entitled to compensation pursuant to this Part, or any worker who would have been entitled to compensation had the worker suffered a loss of earnings equivalent to the amount determined pursuant to subsection 37(4), any medical aid the Board considers necessary or expedient as a result of the injury.
ON	\$968.24 annually
PE	No fixed amount.
QC	Payable if least costly appropriate solution.
SK	N/A
YT	Necessary Expenses
<b>Meal Allowance</b>	
AB	Effective March 1, 2008: \$42.00/day. Breakfast: \$9.00; Lunch: \$12.00; Dinner: \$21.00
BC	Breakfast: \$11.82; Lunch: \$14.58; Dinner: \$25.07; Per Day: \$51.47 (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011) <a href="#">RSCM Vol. II #83.20</a>
MB	Breakfast: \$8.85 <sup>4</sup> ; Lunch: \$12.15 <sup>4</sup> ; Dinner: \$23.65 <sup>4</sup>
NB	In province - \$33.25/day or Breakfast: \$6.50; Lunch: \$10.75; Dinner: \$16.00 Out of province - \$40.00/day or Breakfast: \$9.00; Lunch: \$11.00; Dinner \$20.00 (All rates under review in 2011)
NL	Breakfast: \$6; Lunch: \$8; Dinner: \$11
NT/NU	Breakfast: \$20.80; Lunch: \$18.00; Dinner: \$47.75 effective Jan 1, 2010 <sup>5</sup> (NWT) Breakfast: \$19.90; Lunch: \$26.40; Dinner: \$57.40 effective Jan 1, 2009 (NU)
NS	Policy 2.1.1R7 - Breakfast: \$6.00; Lunch: \$12.00; Dinner: \$20.00
ON	Breakfast: \$10.00; Lunch: \$16.00; Dinner: \$23.00
PE	Breakfast: \$7.00; Lunch: \$8.00; Dinner: \$18.50
QC	Breakfast: \$10.40; Lunch: \$14.30; Dinner: \$21.55
SK	In accordance with Saskatchewan PSC rates, January 1, 2005; <u>includes GST, gratuities and an overnight allowance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast: \$8.00 (in province); \$11.00 (out of province)</li> <li>• Lunch (called "Dinner" in procedure): \$14.00 (in province); \$16.00 (out of province)</li> <li>• Dinner (called "Supper in procedure): \$19.00 (in province); \$24.00 (out of province)</li> </ul>
YT	<a href="http://www.wcb.yk.ca/Media/documents/AppendixA-BD-02Travel_April1_2011_FINAL.pdf">http://www.wcb.yk.ca/Media/documents/AppendixA-BD-02Travel_April1_2011_FINAL.pdf</a>
<b>Room and Board (as accommodation)</b>	
AB	\$114.00/night (more under special circumstances, eg. wheel chair) effective March 1, 2010
BC	A discretionary subsistence allowance may be made when a worker is undergoing treatment at a place other than the place of residence. <a href="#">RSCM Vol. II #83.20</a>
MB	If the worker makes his or her own accommodation arrangements, the WCB pays \$100 per night. If the worker stays at a private residence, the worker is reimbursed \$50 per night.  If the WCB makes the accommodation arrangements for the worker, the WCB will pay the "provincial or government rate". The rate is about \$120 a night.
NB	In province \$65.00/night plus tax when receipt is presented. \$40 without a receipt. (Under review in 2011)

<sup>4</sup> Meal Allowance Rates are adjusted every six months. These rates are effective January 1, 2011.

<sup>5</sup> Meal rates are adjusted every year, effective January 1.

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<b>Room and Board</b> (as accommodation)	
NL	Coverage for commercial establishments decided on a case by case basis according to reasonable rates based on location and availability; \$25.00 per night in a private residence.
NT/NU	Determined on a case by case basis.
NS	<p>Policy 4.2.4R6 - A living allowance may be paid where it is determined appropriate for a worker to relocate and maintain a second residence for the duration of his/her Vocational Rehabilitation. Up to \$750/month.</p> <p>When necessary, may be provided with overnight accommodations, pre-authorized by the Board. Where possible, costs charged directly to the Board, otherwise reimbursements based on receipts. Where private overnight accommodations, will reimburse \$25.00 per night.</p> <p>Public and private overnight accommodations are reimbursed for Vocational Rehabilitation at a rate of \$25.00 per night.</p>
ON	The WSIB pays accommodation expenses while a worker is in a Work Transition (WT) plan, where the distance between the worker's home and the training facility is such that a secondary residence on a temporary basis is required.
PE	Maximum \$110 per night. Accommodations in a private residence \$10 per night.
QC	<p>Hotel accommodation with CSST approval and presentation of receipts: maximum between \$83 and \$126 per night according to the region.</p> <p>Allowance paid for each day of travel involving a night in a hotel: \$5.85</p> <p>Lodging in a private home: \$22.25 per night.</p> <p>As part of a rehabilitation program, if it lasts more than two weeks and forces the worker to travel more than 50 km away from his domicile, a maximum weekly allowance of \$450 may be paid.</p>
SK	<p>Hotel rates: Reasonable and actual reimbursement of accommodation will be authorized when supported by receipts.</p> <p>Private accommodation rate = \$35.00 / night.</p>
YT	As per prior authorization
<b>Transportation</b>	
AB	\$0.49/km effective March 1, 2010
BC	The cost of public transport is paid. The cost of taxi will be paid when public transportation is unavailable or unacceptable. If other means of transport are not cost effective, a kilometer allowance is paid at \$0.37/km for the worker to travel by car. <a href="#">RSCM Vol. II #82.10, #82.11, &amp; #82.20</a>
MB	\$0.35/km <sup>6</sup>
NB	\$0.35/km <sup>7</sup> (Under review in 2011)
NL	\$0.30/km
NT/NU	\$0.58/km for NWT workers; \$0.58/km for NU workers
NS	Policy 2.1.1R7 – Travel in Local Areas - A client may use his/her own vehicle for transportation purposes to access services necessitated by the compensable injury, if this use has been pre-authorized by the Board. Authorized vehicle use will be reimbursed at the rate of 40.92 ¢/km.
ON	\$0.38/km
PE	Transportation costs are reimbursed at the same rate per kilometre as Workers Compensation Board employees when transportation is approved.
QC	\$0.145/km; \$0.43/km if a physician confirms that the worker is unable to use public transportation.

<sup>6</sup> The Kilometre Rate is adjusted four times a year. This rate is effective January 1, 2011.

<sup>7</sup> The Commission does not pay transportation expenses for the exclusion zone defined to be the first 22 kilometers.

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Transportation	
SK	<p>In accordance with Saskatchewan PSC rates, November 1, 2009:</p> <p><u>Private vehicle:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0.3799 / km (south of 54<sup>th</sup> parallel);</li> <li>• \$0.4091 / km (north of 54<sup>th</sup> parallel) - subject to a minimum allowance of \$5.00/day, prorated for shorter periods at \$1.50/hour, to a maximum of \$6.00/day or \$ 0.3799/km, whichever is greater.</li> <li>• Parking receipts (if not a normal employment expense).</li> </ul> <p><u>Public transportation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actual costs, including return taxi from terminal to treatment.</li> </ul> <p><u>Vocational rehabilitation if treatment is <b>within</b> a 75 km radius of the home community:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private vehicle: the PSC mileage rates apply up to a maximum of \$190 / week; <u>or</u></li> <li>• Public transportation: actual costs as above.</li> </ul> <p><u>Vocational rehabilitation if treatment is <b>beyond</b> a 75 km radius of the home community:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly allowance (to cover travel, room and board) up to a maximum of \$840 / month if the worker chooses to commute; <u>or</u></li> <li>• Relocation expenses (to cover travel, room and board) up to a maximum of \$840 / month, <u>plus</u> one return trip home a month (PSC mileage rates or actual public transport costs) if the worker chooses to relocate to the place of treatment.</li> </ul> <p>Special individual circumstances may be reimbursed at the discretion of the board.</p>
YT	59.5 cents per kilometer/ minimum daily rate for mileage \$2.35
Witness Fees (for hearings)	
AB	Meals, accommodation, & wage loss as necessary for workers.
BC	Where expenses of a witness are payable, the amount will be the same as for a worker. <i>RSCM</i> Vol. II #100.30
MB	<p><u>Appeals</u><sup>8</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subpoenaed witnesses – lost wages;</li> <li>• Expert witness – fee structure set by professional association or reasonable equivalent.</li> </ul> <p><u>Medical Review Panels (MRP)</u><sup>9</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialist Consultants - \$655;</li> <li>• General Consultants /Invited Guests - \$493</li> </ul>
NB	N/A
NL	N/A
NT/NU	The Review Committee does not pay witness fees. The Appeals Tribunal may pay “the going rate” if they call on the witness or agree to reimburse an appellant.
NS	The Board or the Appeals Tribunal may provide reasonable traveling and living expense to any person summoned as a witness pursuant to Sections 178 and 179.
ON	Non-Professional Witness Attendance Fee \$110.96/full day \$55.48/half day; Professional Witness Attendance Fee \$600/full day, \$300/half day
PE	No fixed amount.
QC	Not provided for.
SK	Expenses incurred for WCB requested appeal hearings or other special appointments and examinations, other than for treatment or vocational programming, are normally reimbursed in full.
YT	N/A

<sup>8</sup> See Policy 21.10.40 Expenses for Attendance at Appeal Hearings. To receive reimbursement, witnesses must appear at the request of the Chief Appeal Commissioner or an appeal panel.

<sup>9</sup> The WCB negotiates remuneration for MRP panel members, consultants and guests. These rates are effective April 1, 2009.

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Child Care Expenses	
AB	If costs were incurred for child care prior to the injury, the WCB will not pay child care as there are no additional costs that resulted specifically due to the injury. However, in special circumstances, and if the injury or treatment program results in costs not normally incurred by the worker, payment of child care expenses <b>may</b> be considered.
BC	In limited circumstances, a homemaker allowance is provided to single parent or two parent families. <a href="#">RSCM Vol. II #84A.00</a>
MB	The WCB reimburses claimants for costs over and above the usual pre-accident child care costs.
NB	Applies to child and dependent care. \$3.75 Hourly (if eight hours or less); \$32.00 Daily (if over 8 hours); \$22.00 Overnight; and \$54 for 24 hour care. (Under review in 2011) Receipts required. Rates are based on period of service regardless of the number of children/dependents in care.
NL	Coverage for only additional cost compared to pre-injury costs. Must meet specific criteria.
NT/NU	Determined on a case by case basis.
NS	Determined on a case by case basis. A written agreement is required prior to incurring the expense.
ON	No.
PE	No fixed amount.
QC	Day care centre : \$25.08 less the assistance of \$7.00 granted by the Québec Government to children aged 0 to 5 years for every child under 16 years old; Home: \$2.89 per hour and \$38.62 per day for one child under 16 years old; \$3.35 and \$42.51 for two children and \$3.86 and \$48.28 for three children
SK	Considered an “additional expense” -- only the portion of expenses exceeding the amount a client would ordinarily incur while working. This may be reimbursed if the situation arose out of injury-related circumstances.  These expenses considered are temporary. The amount and duration of reimbursement will not exceed what is reasonable in the circumstances determined by medical evidence. The client will be required to provide proof of the additional expenses. The Case Manager will review the circumstances to identify entitlement to an additional expense. The Case Manager will then pre-authorize the allowance and confirm in writing.
YT	Determined on a case by case basis – no fixed amount - authorization required.

See also [Healthcare Service Providers – Policy, Report Fees & Treatment Fees](#) for:

<a href="#">Acupuncture</a>	<a href="#">Dietician / Nutritionist</a>	<a href="#">Nurses/Nursing</a>	<a href="#">Physical Therapy / Physiotherapy</a>	<a href="#">Psychology</a>
<a href="#">Audiologist</a>	<a href="#">Hospital Fees</a>	<a href="#">Occupational Therapy</a>	<a href="#">Podiatry</a>	<a href="#">Specialist</a>
<a href="#">Chiropractor</a>	<a href="#">Massage Therapy</a>	<a href="#">Optometry</a>	<a href="#">Prosthetics / Othotics</a>	<a href="#">Speech pathology</a>
<a href="#">Dentist</a>	<a href="#">Naturopathy</a>	<a href="#">Physician</a>		

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