

Uqqujjait Innarnut - Elders Support Program

Frequently Asked Questions



QUESTION: Who is eligible for the support payments?

ANSWER: To be eligible for the program, you must:

- ✓ Be born between 1 January 1949 and 31 December 1955 (ages 65 to 71 as of December 31, 2020).
- ✓ Be an Inuk enrolled in the Nunavut Agreement; and
- ✓ Submit an application form to be enrolled. An application form is attached or can be found on the NTI website www.tunngavik.com

QUESTION: How much is the support payment?

ANSWER: You will receive a lifetime monthly payment of \$120 paid directly into your bank account. If you do not provide your banking information, a cheque will be mailed to you.

QUESTION: What is the difference between the Uqqujjait Innarnut - Elders Support Program and the Nunavut Elders Pension Program?

ANSWER: Uqqujjait Innarnut - Elders Support Program is an extension of the Nunavut Elders Pension Program established in 1993. The 1993 program covers Elders born on and before 31 December 1948. The Uqqujjait Innarnut - Elders Support Program will cover additional Elders born before 1 January 1949 and 31 December 1955.

QUESTION: If I apply to be enrolled in the program, when will I receive my first payment?

ANSWER: Payments will be deposited into your bank account on the 1st day of each month. You must provide your banking information on the application form to receive direct deposits. If no banking information is provided, a cheque will be mailed to the address provided on the application form.

You will receive the first payment the month following receipt of a completed and approved application. Those who complete the form before December 1, 2020 should receive their first payment before December 25, 2020. Incomplete information on the application form may delay approval of the application and the processing of the first payment.

QUESTION: Will I receive retroactive payments if I choose to apply in the future?

ANSWER: No. Payments only commence after the application form is received and approved. No retro-active payments will be made.

QUESTION: I am already receiving the Elders Pension Benefit from the Nunavut Trust. Can I apply for this program?



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ANSWER: No. To qualify for this program, you must have been born between 1 January 1949 and 31 December 1955 (ages 65 to 71 as of December 31, 2020). Elders already receiving a pension were born on or before 31 December 1948 and therefore should not apply.

However, Elders currently receiving a monthly pension of \$90 and \$105 will have their pension increased by \$30 and \$15 respectively to \$120 a month.

QUESTION: Do I have to live in Nunavut to qualify?

ANSWER: No. The **Uqqujjait Innarnut - Elders Support Program** is available to Inuit Elders enrolled in the Nunavut Agreement and born between 1 January 1949 and 31 December 1955 regardless of their place of residence.