

FIRST FOOD, THEN WHAT? BEING THE LINK FROM AWARENESS TO ACCESS THE GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT (GIS)

Do you serve seniors through your conference or in your store? The Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) is a **monthly payment** the persons we serve can receive if they are 65 or older and receive the [Old Age Security](#) (OAS) pension.

How does it work? The supplement is based on income. It is not taxable. Qualified recipients must have filed their taxes every year.

Is there a cut off? If the person has income below \$18,744 and is single, widowed, or divorced, the maximum monthly payment is **\$923.71**.

What if they are not single? If his or her income plus the income of the spouse/common-law partner is below \$24,768 and if the partner receives the full OAS pension or the GIS, the maximum monthly payment is **\$556.04**. If it is below \$44,928 and the partner does not receive an OAS pension, the maximum monthly payment is **\$923.71**

So what? While in many cases, the person in need will be enrolled automatically, sometimes he or she may have to apply for the Guaranteed Income Supplement if the government does not have enough information to enroll them automatically. They may have to apply if they are receiving their Old Age Security pension and never applied for the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

We have learned that there are still many who are unaware and not benefitting. **One in 10** in fact is falling through the cracks, even though we are probably talking to them face to face each month!

This is where Vincentians can help. We can be the link from awareness to access and walk alongside those in need to ensure they will receive these monthly funds.

Want to learn more? Follow this link to [Canada.ca](#) for more information so you can reach out to those in need and ask if they are receiving the GIS and, if not, help them to apply.

[Guaranteed Income Supplement – Overview - Canada.ca](#)

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