

- (b) the present address of the applicant, place and date of birth (including the place and date of birth of the spouse) and place or places of residence during the twenty years preceding the date of application;
- (c) the sex and particulars of the marital status of the applicant including, in the case of a married person, whether such person is living with his or her spouse and whether such spouse is sighted or blind;
- (d) the occupation, income and means of subsistence of the applicant and spouse;
- (e) particulars of any real or personal property apart from household furnishings and personal effects owned by the applicant or spouse at the date of application;
- (f) particulars of any real or personal property which the applicant or spouse transferred to any person or persons within the five years preceding the date of application.

(4) The application shall be supported by a statutory declaration of the applicant or person making application on behalf of the applicant to the effect that all the statements in the application are true to the best of his knowledge and belief and that no information required to be given has been concealed or omitted.

(5) Every provincial authority shall supply, without charge, a form of application to any person who desires to make an application and, if so requested, shall give all information and assistance possible in completing the application.

#### *Investigation of Claims*

5. (1) The provincial authority shall, in respect of each application, cause an investigation to be made into the facts and circumstances as therein set out and such other matters as may be necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant for assistance and, if the applicant is so eligible, the provincial authority shall determine the rate of assistance payable and shall thereupon approve the application accordingly.

(2) The investigation required by subsection (1) shall be made not sooner than four months before the date of the proposed commencement of assistance; provided that during the first twelve months that an agreement under section 3 of the Act is in force in a province, the said period of four months may be extended to six months where in the opinion of the provincial authority thereof it is necessary to do so.

(3) Where an application has been so approved and assistance is being paid, the provincial authority shall, each year, cause an investigation to be made into the circumstances of the recipient to determine whether such recipient continues to be eligible for assistance and the amount thereof.

(4) Before altering the rate of assistance being paid to a recipient or before suspending assistance or reinstating assistance which has been suspended, the provincial authority shall cause an investigation to be made into the circumstances of the recipient; provided that in any individual case the provincial authority may, in lieu of such investigation, make such enquiry and obtain such information as it deems adequate.

(5) The report of any investigation or enquiry made shall be filed with the application and shall be available at any time for inspection by officials of the Government of Canada.

(6) An investigation required by this section shall be made by an investigator in the employ of the provincial authority or the provincial government or by a duly authorized representative of any other agency