

The Government of Canada and the Government of Australia,

Wishing to strengthen the existing friendly relations  
between the two countries, and

Resolved to co-operate in the field of social security,

Have agreed as follows:

PART I

INTERPRETATION AND SCOPE

ARTICLE 1

Interpretation

1. In this Agreement:

"benefit" means, in relation to a Party, a benefit for which provision is made in the legislation of that Party, and includes any additional amount, increase or supplement that is payable, in addition to that benefit, to or in respect of a person who qualifies for that additional amount, increase or supplement under the legislation of that Party;

"Canadian creditable period" means a period, or the total of two or more periods, of residence or contributions which has been or can be used to acquire the right to a Canadian benefit, but does not include any period considered under paragraph 2 of Article 10 as a Canadian creditable period;

"carer's pension" means a carer's pension payable to a spouse under the legislation of Australia;

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