

10. (1) Where an application has been approved and an allowance 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 an allowance and the amount thereof, and the report of such investigation shall include a description of the physical activities that such recipient is able to perform without assistance at that time. A copy of the report of such yearly investigation or a copy of the portion that deals with the physical activities that the recipient is able to perform without assistance at that time shall be forwarded to the Minister.

(2) Before altering the rate of allowance being paid to a recipient or before suspending an allowance or reinstating an allowance 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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 if such representative is recommended by the provincial authority and approved by the Minister, and such investigator or representative, as the case may be, shall, in the course of such investigation, personally interview the recipient.

(5) All applications and accompanying documents received by any person other than the provincial authority shall be forwarded to the provincial authority and no person other than the provincial authority shall approve or reject any application or alter the rate of allowance.

Age

11. (1) For the purpose of enabling the provincial authority to consider the eligibility of an applicant as regards age, the applicant shall forward to the provincial authority a certificate of birth or of baptism, or, if neither certificate is obtainable, shall forward any other documentary evidence that he may have or be able to obtain from which his age may be determined.

(2) If the provincial authority is satisfied that the applicant is unable to furnish satisfactory evidence as to his age as provided in subsection (1), the provincial authority shall endeavour to obtain information from other sources and, in the case of an applicant who alleges he was born in Canada, the provincial authority shall, if records for the period in question are available in the province where he alleges he was born, first request the registrar of vital statistics in that province to make a search for information as to his age.

(3) If the provincial authority is unable to obtain information as provided in subsections (1) and (2), it may request the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to make a search of the census records for information as to the age of the applicant, subject to the following conditions:

(a) any request for census information as to age shall be made in the form of an application prescribed by the Dominion Statistician which shall bear or be accompanied by the signed consent