

Agreements
with
provinces.

3. (1) The Minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may, on behalf of the Government of Canada, make an agreement with a province to provide for the payment to the province, in accordance with this Act and the regulations, of amounts in respect of allowances paid by the province pursuant to provincial law, not exceeding, in respect of any recipient, seventy-five per cent. of forty dollars monthly or of the amount of the allowance paid by the province monthly to the recipient, whichever is the lesser.

Qualifica-
tions.

(2) Payments to a province pursuant to this section shall be made only in respect of a recipient who

(a) at the date of the proposed commencement of allowance payments to him

(i) is blind, and

(ii) has attained the age of twenty-one years, and

(iii) has resided in Canada for the ten years immediately preceding that date, or if he has not so resided, has been present in Canada prior to those ten years for an aggregate period equal to twice the aggregate period of absences from Canada during those ten years; and

(b) is not in receipt of assistance under *The Old Age Assistance Act* or an allowance under *The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946*, or a pension under *The Old Age Security Act* or a pension in respect of blindness under the *Pensions Act*; and

(c) is

(i) an unmarried person, without a dependent child or children and his income, inclusive of allowance, is not more than eight hundred and forty dollars a year, or

(ii) an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, and his income, inclusive of allowance, is not more than one thousand and forty dollars a year, or

(iii) married and living with his spouse and the total income, inclusive of allowance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than thirteen hundred and twenty dollars a year, or

(iv) married and living with his spouse who is blind and the total income, inclusive of allowance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than fourteen hundred and forty dollars a year.

Amount of
payments by
Government
of Canada.

4. An agreement with a province shall contain a covenant by the Government of Canada to pay to the province each month the amount that the Government of Canada is at that time authorized to pay to the province under this Act.

Allowance
payable
monthly in
arrears.

5. (1) The allowance in respect of which the Government of Canada is authorized by this Act to make payments shall be payable monthly in arrears.

Where
recipient
dies.

(2) Where a province pays an allowance in respect of a recipient for the whole of the month in which the recipient dies, the Government of Canada shall make payments in respect thereof in accordance with section three.