

amounts in respect of assistance paid by the province pursuant to provincial law, not exceeding, in respect of any recipient, fifty per cent. of forty dollars monthly or of the amount of assistance paid by the province monthly to the recipient, whichever is the lesser.

Qualifications.

(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 assistance payments to him

(i) has attained the age of sixty-five years, and

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

(b) is not in receipt of an allowance under *The Blind Persons Act* or *The War Veterans' Allowance Act, 1946*, or a pension under *The Old Age Security Act*; and

(c) is,

(i) an unmarried person, and his income, inclusive of assistance, is not more than seven hundred and twenty dollars a year, or

(ii) married and living with his spouse and the total income, inclusive of assistance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than twelve hundred dollars a year, or

(iii) married and living with his spouse who is blind within the meaning of *The Blind Persons Act* and the total income, inclusive of assistance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than thirteen hundred and twenty 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.

Assistance payable monthly in arrears.

5. (1) The assistance 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 assistance 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.

Census records.

6. Subject to the conditions specified in the regulations, a provincial authority is entitled, for the purpose of ascertaining the age of a recipient, to obtain from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics any information respecting the age of a recipient that is contained in the returns of any census taken more than thirty years before the date of the application for such information.