

## Chapter 9: Special Needs Benefits

### (i) Blind Persons Supplement

<b>Intent:</b>	To provide assistance to recipients who are legally blind to help offset disability related expenses of the recipient and/or dependent child or dependent student.
<b>Act:</b> (if applicable)	N/A
<b>Regulations:</b>	19.(1)(i) an amount up to \$89 for each recipient, dependent child or dependent student receiving income support who is legally blind as certified by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) or an approved professional.
<b>Overview:</b> (if applicable)	N/A
<b>Policy:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written verification from the CNIB or an approved professional, of a "legally blind" status (having less than 10% of normal vision) is required for each recipient, dependent child or dependent student.</li> <li>For the purpose of verification of "legally blind," an approved professional includes a physician or social worker with the CNIB.</li> </ul>
<b>Procedure:</b>	<p>Client Services Officers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>obtain required verification from the recipient and forward to TRIM.</li> </ul>
<b>Authority Level:</b>	Client Services Officer
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