

Update: Retiring on a Low Income: Changes for January – March 2013

Reference	Topic	Before (Published)	After (Current)
Low Income Retirement Planning : Maximizing GIS:	Yearly Definition of Low Income	\$16,512 \$21,840 \$39,600 \$30,576	\$16,560 \$21,888 \$39,696 \$30,672
All Documents	Monthly Maximum OAS/GIS (throughout)	\$1,283.94 OAS:\$544.98 GIS: \$738.96	\$1,286.51 OAS: \$546.07 GIS: \$740.44
All Documents	OAS Clawback Threshold-Annual	\$67, 688	\$69,562
Low Income Retirement Planning Maximizing GIS	Yearly TFSA maximum contribution	\$5,000	\$5,500
Low Income Retirement Planning Maximizing GIS	Ontario Works Monthly Maximum	\$599.	\$606.
Low Income Retirement Planning Maximizing GIS	Example of Contributing to an RRSP after age 65: Amounts of GIS recouped	GIS monthly: \$346.76 GIS total Savings \$24,967	Slightly higher Updates to take place yearly
Low Income Retirement Planning	Maximum Early CPP	\$724 a month (amount noted)	\$684.45 in 2013 (reduces to 63% of max. by 2016)¹
Maximizing GIS Determining OAS and GIS eligibility for people who come to Canada as adults Tables will be changed once per year as quarterly rises are insignificant and the tables remain reasonably accurate guides of amounts.	Tables 1 and 2: OAS and GIS payment structure for low income single people who are eligible to apply after one year of residency. Calculation Table	Amounts range from \$140.66 for 1/40th OAS and 10% of GIS and GIS special payments and \$1,283.94 for 10/40th of OAS and 100% of GIS and GIS special payments	Amounts range from \$142.34 for 1/40th OAS and 10% of GIS and GIS special payments and \$1,286.51 for 10/40th of OAS and 100% of GIS and GIS special payments

¹ By 2016, early CPP at age 60 reduces to a maximum of 63% of max. payment a month. A GIS recipient opting for early CPP at age 60 would have to live past the age of 95 to receive greater net benefits by taking CPP at age 65. Source: Richard Shillington.