

**Reasons for Decision:**

**Order # AP1819-0386**

The appellant is appealing the decision of the 55 Plus program to deny their application for 55 Plus benefits.

The program received the appellant's application for the 55 Plus Junior benefit in <date removed>. The program determines financial eligibility from the previous year's income tax return information. The appellant's <year removed> income was <amount removed>.

To be eligible for 55 Plus benefits, the maximum allowable income for a single person is \$9,746.400 therefore the appellant was deemed ineligible.

*"Subject to subsection (3), a benefit shall be paid to a person who (c) if single, has a net family income of \$9,746.40 or less"*

As the appellant is single and their income exceeded the amount specified in the Regulation, their application for 55 Plus benefits was denied.

The appellant stated that they have worked for a security company for twenty-three years up until last year when they were not getting enough hours. Shortly after, they were in a car accident and received compensation from Manitoba Public Insurance, which was reflected in his <year removed> income tax return.

After carefully considering all the written and verbal information presented at the hearing, the Board has determined that the Department has correctly assessed the appellant's eligibility for the 55 Plus Program in accordance with the Legislation. There is no provision in the Regulation to provide benefits when a participant is over the maximum income allowance of the program or to review current financial circumstances. Therefore, the decision of the Director is confirmed and the appeal has been dismissed.

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