

# Request to Remain on AISH — CPP Disability Grounds

*Appeal and reassessment letter for people on AISH who also receive CPP Disability*

## **WHEN TO USE THIS FORM**

Use this letter if you are on AISH and also receive Canada Pension Plan Disability (CPP-D), and you are being moved to ADAP or want to remain on AISH. Your CPP-D approval is a federal finding that you cannot do substantially gainful work, and that finding maps directly onto the AISH severe handicap test. This letter puts those grounds on the record. It works as an appeal while the appeal window is open, and as a request for reassessment after.

## **BEFORE YOU SEND THIS**

Attach a copy of your CPP Disability approval letter — it is your evidence of the federal finding. If you have medical documents that support your case, send them to AISH before you file, because once you file, the appeal panel can only look at what AISH already had. Keep a copy of everything you send.

## **HOW TO USE THIS FORM**

1. Fill in the date, your name, your AISH file number, and when your CPP Disability started (page 2).
2. Read the letter — the appeal is already written for you.
3. In the box, describe in your own words how your disability limits your ability to work (page 3).
4. Sign and date.
5. Attach your CPP Disability approval letter.
6. Send it to the Appeals Secretariat (contacts on the last page). Email is easiest, and your sent email is your proof. Keep a copy.

**WHERE IT GOES:** the Appeals Secretariat. Full contact details are on the last page of this form.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

AISH File Number \_\_\_\_\_

To: Appeals Secretariat, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped

From (your full name) \_\_\_\_\_

I have received CPP Disability since \_\_\_\_\_

**Re:** Appeal of my AISH eligibility decision and request to remain on AISH, on the grounds of my CPP Disability approval.

My name and AISH file number are recorded above. I am appealing the decision affecting my AISH eligibility, and I am asking to remain on AISH rather than be moved to the Alberta Disability Assistance Program.

The grounds are these. I have been approved for the Canada Pension Plan Disability benefit. CPP Disability has a strict federal test, and my approval is a determination by the federal government that bears directly on the AISH severe handicap test.

To qualify for CPP Disability, the federal government had to find that my disability is both severe and prolonged, as the Canada Pension Plan defines those words. Severe means I am regularly incapable of pursuing any substantially gainful occupation, not only my former job, but any job for which I am or could reasonably become qualified. For 2026, substantially gainful is set at earnings of \$20,971.45 per year or more, so the finding is that I cannot reliably earn even that amount at any work. Prolonged means my disability is long-term and of indefinite duration, or is likely to result in death.

These two findings line up directly with the AISH test. The AISH program defines a severe handicap as an impairment that substantially limits a person's ability to earn a livelihood and is likely to be permanent. The federal finding of severe establishes the substantial limitation on my ability to earn a livelihood. The federal finding of prolonged establishes that the limitation is likely permanent. Both elements of the AISH test are already met on the medical evidence.

Moving me to ADAP, a program built on the premise that I am able to work, directly contradicts a federal finding that I am regularly incapable of any substantially gainful work. I am asking that this be resolved in favour of the determination already made on my medical evidence, and that I remain on AISH.

### **IN MY OWN WORDS**

In my own words, here is how my disability limits my ability to work:

*Maximum: 2500 characters. If you need more room, write “see attached” in the box and include an extra page with your letter.*

I attach my CPP Disability approval letter as evidence of the federal determination described above. I am available to provide any further information required. I ask that my appeal be allowed and that my AISH benefits continue.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone or email** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is information, not legal advice. Appealing is not a guaranteed outcome, but you have the right to try while the window is open.*

Send your signed letter to the Appeals Secretariat using the contacts below. Keep a copy of everything you send, and keep your sent email as proof.

### **APPEALS SECRETARIAT**

Email: [alss.appeals@gov.ab.ca](mailto:alss.appeals@gov.ab.ca)

Fax: 780-422-1088

Mail or drop-off: 2nd Floor, Agronomy Centre, 6903 116 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5Z2, or any AISH office.

#### **TIPS**

- Attach a copy of your CPP Disability approval letter.
- Include a photo or copy of your ADAP transition letter.
- If you have medical documents that support your case, send them to AISH before you file, because once you file, the appeal panel can only look at what AISH already had.
- Keep a copy of everything you send.