

# Supporting our Seniors

The Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan (Budget 2011) announced the following new measures to support our senior community.

- New Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) top-up benefit to help our most vulnerable seniors
- Additional \$10 million over two years for the New Horizons for Seniors Program
- \$50 million over two years to extend the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers

As a result of actions taken, seniors and pensioners will receive about \$2.3 billion annually in additional targeted tax relief for the 2011-12 fiscal year. In particular, since 2006, the Government has:

- Increased the Age Credit amount by \$1,000 in 2006, and by another \$1,000 in 2009
- Doubled the maximum amount of income eligible for the Pension Income Credit to \$2,000.
- Introduced pension income splitting
- Increased the age limit for maturing pensions and RRSPs to 71 from 69 years of age

## Did you know?

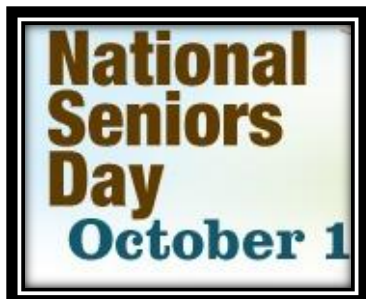


There is now a Minister of State for Seniors in the Government Cabinet. To learn more about Minister Alice Wong and her important work supporting Canada's Seniors, please visit: [www.seniors.gc.ca](http://www.seniors.gc.ca)

Our Government established a National Seniors Council to advise the Government of Canada on all matters related to the well-being and quality of life of seniors. Canada has a diverse and growing seniors' population with approximately 4.8 million people who are 65 years old or older.



To learn more about the work of the National Seniors Council visit: [www.seniorscouncil.gc.ca](http://www.seniorscouncil.gc.ca)



October 1st is now National Senior's Day. Read the news release of September 20, 2011 from HRSDC and Seniors Canada here: [Government of Canada Celebrates Canada's First National Seniors Day](#)

Click below for a message from the Minister of State for Seniors, Hon. Alice Wong and Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Hon. Diane Finley, on the celebration of Canada's First National Seniors Day. [Message from the Ministers.](#)