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Effective Date Immediately

This Circular advises that effective immediately, province-wide, rapid re-application procedures for the Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) program is changing from 45 days to 90 days. This Circular also provides information on Annual Review (AR) procedures related to the rapid re-application process.

The intent of this change is to primarily reserve the intake function for new applicants, those who have had significant time away from the program and those with significant changes in circumstances.

Background

Rapid Re-Application, formerly referred to as OPCA, assists recipients re-applying for EIA benefits if their case has closed relatively recently, and allows the applicant to have their case reopened by their Counsellor rather than a formal intake process. A case could previously be re-opened by the Counsellor within 45 days of closure without completing a full application when it was determined that financial and categorical eligibility had not changed. Effective immediately, **the 45-day period for rapid re-application has been increased to a 90-day period.**

When does 90 days start?

The 90-day count starts on the date the case was closed.