

In addition to these groups, unemployed children whose low intelligence is regarded by the Educational Authorities as rendering them unable to profit to any extent from regular academic instruction continue to be eligible for Family Allowances.

There is no stoppage of payments for children over fourteen years of age who are recognized by their respective Elementary School Inspectors or Secondary School Principals as being actually required to help in the farm household or on the home farm.

Children who -

- (a) Have been in regular attendance at school.
- (b) Complete the school year to June, and
- (c) Return to school in September.

remain eligible to receive Family Allowances even though they work for wages during the holiday months of July and August. However, children who work in the summer holidays and do not return to school in September cease to be eligible for payments. Children over compulsory school age remain eligible provided they do not work for wages.

HOME PERMITS

Children in possession of Home Permits, or required as Home Farm help, should be reported to this Department. Otherwise Family Allowances may be stopped, due to lack of information.

UNLAWFUL ABSENCE

Any child considered unlawfully absent from school may be ineligible for the allowances and should be reported to this Department. Then, based on the recommendations of the School Authorities, we can discontinue payments or send a warning letter. Where discontinuance of Family Allowances is considered advisable, payments are withheld for the actual months in which unlawful absence is reported.

Any child definitely expelled from school for misdemeanor is no longer eligible for Family Allowances, and should be reported to this Department to avoid an overpayment which would have to be recovered at a later date.

Children who are ineligible for Family Allowances for any reason which is not brought to the attention of this Department, are receiving Crown Funds contrary to the provisions of the Family Allowances Act. Many of these cases are brought to light, months and even years later. During this period, large overpayments have developed, the collection of which may cause great hardship to the parents.

Family Allowances are discontinued when children attain the age of 16 years, even though they still attend regular day classes.

Report forms for reporting unlawful absence and the issuance of various permits are supplied by this Department. These report forms have been approved by the Ontario Department of Education. When completed, they give the necessary information for locating the files and the essential dates to enable us to make fair decisions when payments of Family Allowances should cease. A supply of Forms will be forwarded upon request.