

The revenu de solidarité active

How does it work ?

What is the RSA ?

The RSA is a monthly allowance funded by the Department. It is paid by the Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (CAF) or the Mutualité Sociale Agricole (MSA).

The RSA is intended for people who have no income or who are on low wages, subject to certain conditions.

Foreign nationals must meet special residence requirements. For details, contact the CAF or MSA.

How is it calculated ?

The amount of the RSA depends on :

- ▶ the **composition** of your family
- ▶ your family's **income** (wages, benefits, pensions etc.)
- ▶ your **housing situation**
- ▶ your **professional situation**

It is recalculated every **3 months**.

What is the process ?

Every 3 months you must inform the CAF or the MSA of your income by filling in the **Déclaration Trimestrielle de Ressources** (DTR).

Failing this, the payment of the RSA will be suspended.

You must inform the CAF or MSA immediately of any change in your family or professional situation or your income.

Additional support is available

Additional support is available for housing, health and mobility.

These are not automatic and are subject to an assessment of your individual situation.

Ask your contact person for information.

What accompaniment is provided ?

RSA recipients are entitled to an individual accompaniment adapted to their needs to support them throughout the process of their social and/or professional integration.

It is organised by a **single contact person** who may be :

- ▶ **a professional advisor**
(Pôle emploi, Local Plans for Integration and Employment...) for professional support
- ▶ **a social worker**
(Maison du Département des Solidarités, certain Centres Communaux d'Action Sociale, etc.) for social support if you cannot immediately look for a job.

This accompaniment is also obligatory and must be complied with or your benefit will be reduced.

Health

There are several options for obtaining social security coverage :

- ▶ the **PUMA** (Protection Universelle Maladie)
- ▶ the **CSS** (Complémentaire Santé Solidaire)

They depend on your situation and are granted under certain conditions. More information is available from the **CPAM** (Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie).

Transport

You may benefit from reduced rates for travel.

- ▶ **In Bordeaux** : if you live in the Bordeaux conurbation and are a job seeker, you may benefit from free transport depending on your income.
- ▶ **In Gironde** : you may benefit from a fixed-rate fare of €0.40 for any journey depending on your income.
- ▶ **In Nouvelle Aquitaine** : the Sesame card allows you to travel free of charge by train within Nouvelle Aquitaine (24 journeys, i.e. 12 return journeys) if you are a job seeker or if your income is below a certain amount.

Housing

There are various forms of assistance available to help you access housing or to maintain your home. More information is available from the social worker at the Maison du Département des Solidarités or the CCAS.

Social rates also allow you to benefit from reductions on your gas and electricity bills.

Ask your contact person for information.