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Dear Immigrants,

The State of Israel welcomes you, and wishes you an easy and successful absorption.

This booklet describes the financial assistance to which new immigrants are entitled upon arrival in Israel, and which is intended to allow for maximum independence during the initial absorption period. The Ministry of Aliyah and Integration pays this assistance during the first year following aliyah. At the conclusion of this period, new immigrants who have not found employment can then investigate eligibility for assistance from the National Insurance Institute.

Note! The details contained in this booklet are for information purposes only, and do not confer any eligibility for assistance. Information changes periodically; therefore before undertaking a particular action, make sure to check eligibility for any type of assistance.

The Absorption Basket

The Absorption Basket is financial assistance to help new immigrants with initial arrangements in Israel and with living expenses during their first six months of residence in the country. Immigrants from all countries can be eligible.

Eligibility

Eligibility for the Absorption Basket is extended to persons who receive new-immigrant status from the Population and Immigration Authority, or recognition as an immigrant (i.e., immigrant citizens and returning minors,) and on condition that they do not reside in Israel for more than 24 consecutive or cumulative months during the three years preceding receipt of new-immigrant status or eligibility as a new immigrant. More detailed information is available from personal absorption counselors.



Note: New immigrants are only entitled to Absorption Basket assistance during the first year following receipt of new-immigrant status.

Departure of the country results in cessation of Absorption Basket payments. Payments resume only for those who return within one year of their original aliyah, and who apply to renew the payments within the first year following aliyah. To renew payments, visit the nearest office of the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration and bring a passport stamped with the date of re-entry into Israel.

Receiving the Absorption Basket

The Absorption Basket is according to family size and ages of family members. Assistance is in 7 monthly payments.

New immigrants receive the first installment of the Absorption Basket from the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration office at Ben Gurion airport upon arrival. This payment is partly in cash, and partly in the form of a bank transfer, which means that it is necessary to open a bank account during the first few days in the country.

Individuals who enter the country via other ports, or who receive new-immigrant status in Israel, receive the first payment as a bank transfer from the nearest Ministry of Aliyah and Integration office. Recipients receive the remainder of Absorption Basket automatically into their bank account in 6 monthly payments.

Opening a Bank Account

In order to receive the monthly payments, it is necessary to open an Israeli bank account. Present the bank with an immigrant certificate (*te'udat oleh*) and passport. It is then necessary to provide the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration with the bank-account number and verification of a shekel deposit. It is recommended to do this within a few days of your arrival in Israel.

Note: when opening an account for a family or a couple, both spouses must be present at the bank. If one spouse is unable to be at the bank, the other must bring their notarized power-of-attorney. In order for the account to become active immediately, and to prevent any problems receiving Ministry of Aliyah and Integration assistance, it is necessary to deposit at least one shekel.

Note: If for any reason you must change the details of your bank account, it is crucial to inform the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration immediately. In the event of any problem receiving the Absorption Basket, consult with the nearest office of the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration.

Assured Income

Following the end of Absorption Basket payments, new immigrants may be entitled to assured income payments (*havtachat hachnasa*). The period of assured-income assistance can be from 6 months to one year **in accordance with conditions of eligibility**. Categories of eligibility include:

- Immigrants studying in an ulpan, who are no longer entitled to the Absorption Basket, can be entitled according to specific criteria.
- Immigrants during their first year in the country who study in courses that the Ministry conducts during the morning hours for at least 24 hours per week, and who do not, and whose immediate family members do not, have any other income, can be eligible during the period of study. Assistance is conditioned upon the presence of the recipient in the course.
- Immigrants during their first year in the country who are in the process of finding employment, who are unemployed, or whose state of health or age preclude them from working can be eligible on condition that they report to the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration according to the schedule determined by the Ministry.

Consult with a personal absorption coordinator for details.



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Retired Single	Retired Single Parent	Retired Couple	Single Before Retirement Age	Single Parent Before Retirement Age	Couple Before Retirement Age	Single	Single-Parent Family	Couple	Payment Number
1,250	2,300	2,500	1,250	2,300	2,500	1,250	2,300	2,500	Cash at Airport
2,183	1,454	3,594	1,437	1,481	3,627	1,430	1,460	3,800	Bank Transfer
2,650	3,347	3,831	3,341	5,197	6,177	2,622	4,334	4,800	1 st payment
2,650	3,347	3,831	3,341	5,197	6,177	2,622	4,334	4,800	2 nd payment
2,650	3,347	3,831	3,341	5,197	6,177	2,622	4,334	4,800	3 rd payment
2,650	3,347	3,831	3,341	5,197	6,177	2,622	4,334	4,800	4 th payment
2,650	3,347	3,831	3,341	5,197	6,177	2,622	4,334	4,800	5 th payment
2,650	3,347	3,831	3,341	5,197	6,177	2,622	4,334	4,800	6 th payment
19,333	23,836	29,080	22,733	34,963	43,189	18,412	29,764	35,100	Total payments

*Pre-Retirement Age – according to Ministry of Aliyah and Integration regulations, pre-retirement age pertains to persons who will reach retirement age within 5 years from their date of aliyah or receipt of new-immigrant status. Retirement age is determined by the “Law of Retirement Age.” For details, consult the National Insurance Institute, www.btl.gov.il or a personal absorption counselor.

**Funds for Hebrew study are transferred directly to the ulpan.

Supplement for Families with Children

Supplement for Family of 6 or More	Child Age 18-21	Child Age 4-18	Child Age 0-4	Payment Number
-	250	250	250	Cash at Airport
-	3,033	2,993	3,020	Bank Transfer
839	1,051	665	1,270	1st payment
837	1,051	665	1,270	2nd payment
837	1,051	665	1,270	3rd payment
837	1,051	665	1,270	4th payment
837	1,051	665	1,270	5th payment
837	1,051	665	1,270	6th payment
5,024	9,589	7,233	10,890	Total payments

Further details, information, and guidance are available from personal absorption counselors at Ministry of Aliyah and Integration offices. You can also obtain informational booklets on various aspects of absorption such as employment, housing, education, health, National Insurance, military service and more from the Publications Department.

Information is also available on the Ministry website: www.klita.gov.il.

The level of Absorption Basket payments is according to the "Absorption Basket Law," 1994, and is updated according to the Consumer Price Index as publicized by the Central Bureau of Statistics. All sums listed in this booklet meet the specified conditions.

The information presented here is based on data from various official bodies. In case of any discrepancy, the rules and regulations of the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration and other official bodies will prevail.

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