

### Security Income Questions And Answers

**QUESTION:** What is it?  
**ANSWER:** A new Federal program intended to establish an income floor for the financially needy who are 65 or over, blind or disabled. Payments will begin January, 1974. The new payments will take the place of the basic cash payments made by State and local public assistance offices to the aged, blind and disabled.  
**QUESTION:** Who can qualify?  
**ANSWER:** People who are 65 or over or blind or disabled whose income is less than \$150 per month for an individual (\$215 for a couple). The aim of the new program is to provide supplemental security income payments, when they are needed, so that everybody who is 65 or older or blind or disabled will have a basic cash income. For people with no other income, Federal payment amounts will be \$130 a month for one person and \$195 for a married couple. This does not mean that every eligible person will get that much from the Government every month. The amount will depend on how much other income you have. Also, if you live in someone else's household, the maximum Federal payment may be reduced by one-third.  
**QUESTION:** What about

things you own? **ANSWER:** If you are a single person or married but not living with your husband or wife, you can have assets—things you own—worth up to \$1500 and still get Federal payments. The amount for a couple is \$2250. Not everything you own counts as an asset. For example, a home of reasonable value does not count. Insurance policies or a car may not affect your eligibility either, depending on their value. Cash in the bank,

stocks and government bonds will count. **QUESTION:** Is this the same as regular social security benefits for retired or disabled workers and survivors or deceased workers?  
**ANSWER:** No, supplemental security income is not the same as social security. The money to make supplemental security income payments will come from general funds of the U.S. Treasury. Social Security benefits are paid from contributions of workers, employers and self-employed people. **QUESTION:** What about people who are currently receiving State public assistance payments for the aged, blind or disabled. Do they need to take any action?  
**ANSWER:** No, they do not need to do anything. The change will be made automatically. **QUESTION:** How can people living in Durham County find out if they are eligible for these new cash payments which begin in January 1974?  
**ANSWER:** Contact your Social Security Office at 2022 Guess Road in Durham. If you prefer to telephone, the number is 286-7731.

<b>FOR AGAINST</b> PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES BONDS <small>The issuance of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) State of North Carolina Public School Facilities Bonds of 1973.</small>	<b>FOR AGAINST</b> CLEAN WATER-BOND ACT AMENDMENT <small>The amendment of Section 7 (c) (1) of the Clean Water Bond Act of 1971 to permit the expansion of funds heretofore authorized by a vote of the General Assembly and the people for grants to units of government for the construction, improvement or expansion of wastewater treatment works.</small>	<b>FOR AGAINST</b> MIXED BEVERAGES <small>Sale and consumption of mixed beverages in counties which authorize such sale.</small>			
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### Sample Ballot For Nov. 6 Election

Residents of the City of Durham, who are registered in one of the city's 28 precincts, will cast ballots on Nov. 6 for mayor and six members of the Durham City Council as well as three statewide bond referendums.

County residents, who are registered in one of the 13 rural precincts, can vote only on the bond referendums. In the municipal election, voters can select their choice for mayor, three ward seats on the council and three

at-large seats. All the voters can cast ballots for the ward candidates even though they do not live within the wards. The three bond referendums concern local op-

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