

## Receiving a Rent Assistance Benefit

**Calgary Housing provides the Rent Assistance Benefit in:**

- Calgary

Calgary Housing Company may provide the Rent Assistance Benefit (RAB) to Applicants on Calgary Housing Company's pre-qualification list. Applicants with the highest point score determined by housing needs will be prioritized for the RAB.

**Recipients applying for the RAB benefit must live in housing that is eligible for the program.**

**Eligible housing is as follows:**

- A self-contained, rented home with its own bathroom and kitchen.
- A basement suite or secondary suite.
- Mobile home where the tenant is renting the mobile home and the pad.
- Detached housing, row/townhouse, duplex or triplex,
- Mobile home where the tenant is renting both the mobile home and the pad.
- Apartments or condos with a written tenancy agreement.

**Ineligible Housing:**

- Hotels or motels
- Illegal basement/secondary suites.
- Owned mobile homes requesting supplement for the rent of the pad.
- Shared living accommodations with the landlord.
- Housing owned by the applicant or family member.

Applicants are not eligible for Rent Assistance Benefit (RAB) if they live in a building where the rent is based on rent geared-to-income (social housing).

The Rent Assistance Benefit is the difference between 30% of the recipient's total household income and the market rent, up to a maximum amount of \$750.

### **Rent Assistance Benefit Requirements:**

All Rent Assistance Benefit recipients will be required to sign a 12 month agreement for RAB with Calgary Housing Company. After one year, the agreement may be renewed if the recipient is still eligible, and funding is available.

Recipients who receive a Rent Assistance Benefit (RAB) must provide their social insurance number as Rental Rent Assistance Benefits are considered a taxable benefit. Recipients will receive a T5007 each year in February for tax purposes.

### **Recipients must advise Calgary Housing Company of any household changes:**

- The move or plan to move.
- Someone moves in or out of their household.
- Household income changes

These changes may impact a recipients Rental Benefit eligibility or amounts. If a Recipient fails to report these changes, Calgary Housing Company along with the Government of Alberta reserves the right to cancel subsidy.

For more information, please visit our website at [calgaryhousingcompany.org](http://calgaryhousingcompany.org).