

Receiving a Rent Assistance Benefit

Calgary Housing provides the Rent Assistance Benefit in Calgary

Calgary Housing may provide the Rent Assistance Benefit (RAB) to Applicants on Calgary Housing'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 based on the home size. The maximum for a 1-bedroom to 3-bedroom household is \$900. The maximum supplement amount for a 4-bedroom and larger is \$1,200.

Rent Assistance Benefit Requirements:

All Rent Assistance Benefit recipients will be required to sign a 12-month agreement for RAB with Calgary Housing. 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 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 along with the Government of Alberta reserves the right to cancel subsidy.

For more information, please visit our website at calgaryhousingcompany.org.