

Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit (TRAB) Frequently Asked Questions

How much is TRAB?

The TRAB amount is a flat subsidy rate varying based on household size. The TRAB program offers up to two-years of benefits that decrease by 20% in the second year. After the first year, program participants are required to submit information for review to determine Year Two eligibility.

Calgary rates are:

Year One:

Bach: \$155
1 Bdrm: \$175
2 Bdrm: \$217
3 Bdrm: \$238
4 Bdrm: \$292

Year Two:

Bach: \$124
1 Bdrm: \$140
2 Bdrm: \$174
3 Bdrm: \$190
4 Bdrm: \$234

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for TRAB, you must meet criteria set out in the Social Housing Accommodation Regulation including:

- Be in core housing need.
 - living in inadequate, unsuitable, or unaffordable housing
 - income levels such that they cannot afford suitable housing in their community
 - income levels below thresholds set out by the province
- Have a total asset value of \$25,000 or less.
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident (except for those who are under a private sponsorship arrangement), convention refugee, an individual who has applied for refugee or immigration status and private sponsorship has broken down.
- Households must currently be employed or have worked in the past 24 months (2 years) at the time of application. Acceptable forms of income for those who have worked in the past 24 months but may now be unemployed include:
 - Employment Insurance, Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), and the Canada Recovery Benefit are eligible.

You are not eligible for TRAB if:

You or anyone in the household are receiving social assistance including

Who is not eligible?

- Income Support,
- Learner Income Support,
- Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped,
- Alberta Seniors Benefit,
- Guaranteed Income Supplement or
- Old Age Security.

You already receive rental assistance such as RAB (formerly DRS) or are living in social housing.

When will I get the benefit?

Benefits are provided after an application has been submitted and approved. Program funding is limited - not all qualified applicants can be approved.

Applicants who are approved into the program receive their benefits on or before the first day of each month.

How long can I receive benefits?

TRAB is a two-year program. Successful applicants will qualify for the first year benefit after which Calgary Housing (CH) will conduct an income review to confirm continued eligibility.

After two years TRAB ends. If you still need assistance you can reapply for TRAB. Applications, including those submitted by previous recipients, will be reviewed on a first-come first-served basis.

Who is my landlord?

Your landlord will be the individual or organization with whom you have a tenancy agreement. Calgary Housing (CH) is not the landlord.

Your agreement with CH is only for the Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit program.

For more information....

Please email our office at plrs@calgary.ca or call (587) 390-1200 if you have any additional questions about the Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit (TRAB) program.