

Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit (TRAB)

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TRAB is a new program benefit that is targeted at working households or those between jobs, in core housing need that are often not prioritized under other provincial housing programs. The benefit is focused on Alberta's major urban centers where demand for social housing is highest and affordability is lowest.

TRAB benefit subsidy scale

Households in receipt of TRAB will be provided with a flat rate subsidy that varies based on household size and municipality but will not vary based on income. The flat rate enables a simple benefit administration and does not require unique calculation for each household.

TRAB rates will be calculated annually based on available budget received by the Government of Alberta. TRAB 2020 subsidy amounts based on bedroom size can be found on the Government of Alberta website. www.alberta.ca/open-government-program.aspx.

Eligibility Requirements

A recipient of TRAB must meet the criteria set out in the Social Housing Accommodation Regulation (SHAR). To be eligible for the TRAB benefit:

- 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 Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) are eligible.

You are not eligible for the TRAB benefit:

- If anyone in the household is currently receiving income support such as; Alberta Works, Learner Income Support, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), 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.
- You live outside of Calgary.

Receiving a TRAB benefit

The TRAB program will be open to receiving new applications on May 1, 2021. Applications are based on a first come first serve priority and based on eligibility.

TRAB is a limited term subsidy program with a maximum of two years. If you still need assistance you can reapply for TRAB. Your application will be processed in the order it was received.

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Who is my landlord?

Through the TRAB program you can chose the landlord you wish to rent. Calgary Housing provides the TRAB subsidy to you to support your rental payments.

For more information, visit our website at calgaryhousingcompany.org