

Saskatchewan Housing Benefit

The Saskatchewan Housing Benefit, delivered by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC), helps eligible renters with their shelter costs (rent and utilities). The Saskatchewan Housing Benefit is co-funded by the Government of Canada and Government of Saskatchewan under the National Housing Strategy.

Eligibility

The Saskatchewan Housing Benefit is available to Saskatchewan renters who:

- pay 35 per cent or more of before tax household income on shelter costs;
- have less than \$300,000 in household assets; and
- have an annual before tax household income at or below the Annual Income Limit:

| | Single/Couple | Single/Couple with One Dependant | Single/Couple with Two or More Dependants |
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| Annual Income Limit | \$43,100 | \$52,900 | \$63,800 |

The amount renters receive is based on their household size and how much of their income they pay for shelter:

| | Single/Couple | Single/Couple with One Dependant | Single/Couple with Two or More Dependants |
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| Households that spend 35 to 45 per cent of their income on shelter | \$175 | \$225 | \$275 |
| Households that spend more than 45 per cent of their income on shelter | \$225 | \$275 | \$325 |

Renters are not eligible for the benefit if they:

- receive support from another Government of Saskatchewan income assistance or training program (such as Saskatchewan Income Support, Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability, Provincial Training Allowance, Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement, etc.);
- rent from a housing authority under the Social Housing Program;
- are a sponsored newcomer to Canada; or
- are a full-time post-secondary student.

Shelter Costs

Shelter costs are the total amount a renter pays for rent and utilities. When applying, renters can claim their average monthly utility costs and their monthly rent that is on the lease agreement.

Other Important Details

- Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The benefit is available for 12 months. Renters may continue to receive the benefit longer than 12 months if they remain eligible and funding is available.
- This funding does not apply to on-reserve housing, licensed facilities or rental housing not covered under *The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* (not including co-operative housing).

For More Information

Contact SHC by calling 1-844-787-4177, email SaskHousingBenefit@gov.sk.ca, or visit www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/housing-and-renting/renting-and-leasing/saskatchewan-housing-benefit