

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:
 - have an annual before-tax household income at or below the Income Limit;
 - rent from a community housing provider;
 - pay more than 50 per cent of before-tax household income on shelter costs; and
 - have less than \$100,000 in household assets.
- The amount renters receive is based on the household's size.

Household Size	Single/Couple	Single/Couple with one dependant	Single/Couple with two or more dependants
Annual House Income Limit*	\$28,000	\$35,000	\$42,000
Monthly Benefit	\$150	\$200	\$250

* As of April 1, 2020

- Renters are not eligible if they receive income or housing support from a Government of Saskatchewan income assistance or training program or are sponsored newcomers to Canada.

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 up to the Maximum Rent Allowance for their household size:

Household Size	Single/Couple	Single/Couple with one dependant	Single/Couple with two or more dependants
Maximum Rent Allowance*	\$915	\$1,150	\$1,400

* As of April 1, 2020

How to calculate monthly shelter costs

A. Annual Before-Tax Household Income ÷ 12 \$ _____

Add up the previous year's before-tax income of all adults in the household (you can use Line 150 from your tax return) and divide by 12..

B. Monthly Rent Payment \$ _____

*If your rent is higher than the **Maximum Rent Allowance** for your bedroom size, enter the **Maximum Rent Allowance** that applies for your household.*

C. Monthly Utilities Costs \$ _____

Enter the average monthly amount you pay for power, water/sewer, and energy. Do not enter utilities included in your rent.

D. Shelter Costs: B + C = \$ _____

E. Determine if you spend more than 50% of income on shelter costs: $D \div A =$ _____

If $E=0.5$ (50%) or higher, you might be eligible to receive Saskatchewan Housing Benefit. Complete an application and send it to SHC.

Other Important Details

- Community housing providers include non-profit organizations, housing co-operatives and government-supported housing. Renters who are not sure if they rent from a community housing provider can contact their landlord or SHC.
- Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The benefit is for 12 months. Renters might continue to receive the benefit longer than 12 months if they remain eligible and if there is funding available.
- This funding does not apply to on-reserve housing or licensed facilities, such as personal care homes or special care homes.

For More Information

Contact SHC by phone (1-844-787-4177), email SaskHousingBenefit@gov.sk.ca, or visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/housing-and-renting/renting-and-leasing/saskatchewan-housing-benefit>