

Saskatchewan Housing Benefit

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the deadline to apply for the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit?

There's no deadline to apply, and you can apply any time. However, funding is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

How long will I receive the benefit?

You'll receive the benefit for 12 months as long as you continue to meet the terms and conditions of the program. You might continue to receive the benefit longer than 12 months if you remain eligible and funding is available.

What is annual before-tax household income?

Annual before-tax household income is the total income of all adults 18 and older who live in your house, excluding dependents under 25 if they are full-time students. Income includes employment income, pension income, employment insurance and child support. The easiest way to determine your annual before-tax household income is to use Line 15000 from your most recent Income Tax Return or Notice of Assessment.

How do I determine my utility costs?

To determine your utility costs, use the average amount you pay for power/electricity, energy, and water/sewer each month. Don't add utilities costs included in your rent. If you have equalized payments, use the amount on your most recent bill. If you don't have equalized payments, determine how much you paid over the last year and divide it by 12. If you haven't lived in your current residence for a year, use the amount you've paid since moving in and divide it by the number of months you've lived there. Please keep a copy of your utility bills to submit to SHC, if required.

How do I estimate how much of my income I pay towards shelter costs?

You'll need to know the monthly amount you currently pay for rent and utilities and your monthly before-tax household income. Add your rent and utilities to find your total shelter costs. Then divide your shelter cost by your monthly income and multiple by 100. This number is the per cent of your income you pay towards shelter.

Who do I contact for more information?

Contact Saskatchewan Housing Corporation by phone at 1-844-787-4177 or email SaskHousingBenefit@gov.sk.ca.