

Saskatchewan Housing Benefit

Frequently Asked Questions – Renters

Q. *What is the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit?*

- A. The Saskatchewan Housing Benefit provides renters with a monthly benefit to help them with their shelter costs. The benefit is available to renters who rent from community housing providers and pay more than 50 per cent of their income towards rent.

Q. *How do I know if I rent from an eligible community housing provider?*

- A. A community housing provider is a non-profit, co-operative, or a government-supported housing provider. If you are not sure if your housing provider qualifies, please contact SHC.

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

- A. To estimate how much you pay for your shelter costs, add up the monthly amount you pay for rent and utilities and divide that amount by your average monthly before-tax household income. For a more detailed calculation worksheet, see the Saskatchewan Housing Benefit factsheet.

Q. *If I receive the benefit, is there anything else I should know?*

- A. You must contact SHC if you move or begin to receive income or housing benefits from another Government of Saskatchewan program. If you do not contact SHC, you might be required to repay all or some of the benefits you receive.

If you move out of your current residence, you can continue to receive the benefit as long as you rent from a community housing provider. If you move into a unit owned by a private landlord, you will be eligible to continue to receive the benefit until a six-month check-in or the full 12 months, whichever is sooner.

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Frequently Asked Questions – Community Based Housing Providers

Q. *What is a community housing provider?*

A. A community housing provider is a non-profit organization, a housing co-operative, or a government-supported housing provider currently under agreement with SHC.

Q. *How does SHC determine a community housing provider has eligible units for rent?*

A. For SHC to determine if a community housing provider owns units that qualify for the benefit, the housing provider must submit a written request to SHC. The request must include:

- The housing provider's current Information Services Corporation registry status profile report showing they are an active non-profit organization;
- Confirmation of how rent is calculated;
- The number of rental units currently owned; and
- Contact information for the manager.