





Non-EIA Rent Assist

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A benefit for low-income Manitobans renting in the private market.

Helps make rent a little more affordable by issuing a rental benefit to the applicant based on the household income and household size.

Who can Apply?

You can apply for this benefit if you are a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, you are 18 years of age or older, and you pay rent or room and board in the private rental market (unsubsidized housing).

You may not apply for Rent Assist if you:

- Are active on EIA;
- Live in Manitoba Housing accommodations;
- Your monthly rent is based upon your income;
- Live in a community residence, personal care home, hospital or residential care facility or First Nations Community;
- Own your own home;

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- Are in Canada as a temporary worker, on a study permit or visitor;
- Live in a unit where someone already receives a non-EIA Rent Assist benefit;
- Live in student-based housing, such as residences;
- Have no rental costs.

Current Maximum Benefit Amounts

Household Size	75% Median Market Rent
Single Adult	\$563
Two-Adult Household	\$639
Three or Four Persons	\$787
Five or More Persons	\$980

Current Income Eligibility

Available to households with a net annual income of less than:

- \$24,129 (one person household)
- \$27,386 (two adult household)
- \$33,729 (two to four family household)
- \$42,000 (five or more persons)

Income Eligibility

Net Annual Income is based on line 236 of the Option 'C' income tax print outs for **all adults in the household** with these three exceptions:

- An adjustment is made to reported OAS/GIS income for seniors;
- World income as reported to Canada Revenue Agency is used for newcomers who have recently arrived in Canada;
- Current income is used for an applicant who has just turned 18 and never filed taxes.

Income Eligibility

The income for **government-assisted and privately-sponsored refugees** is based on the Federal Sponsorship chart.

Once federal financial assistance or the sponsorship period ends, eligibility at re-application will be assessed using line 236 of all adults Option C income tax print out.

What documents do I need to apply?

- Proof of Income Statement (Option 'C' print) for all individuals over the age of 18 who are part of your household. January to June two years prior (ex. 2015), July to December previous year will be used to calculate the benefit (ex. 2016);
- Copy of current lease or rental agreement;
- If you have dependent children, a copy of the current Canada Child Benefit (CCB) Notice;

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- If you are not a Canadian Citizen, a copy of your “Confirmation of Permanent Residence” documents (Landing Papers) for all people in your household over 18 years of age;
- Copy of your Goods Service tax/Harmonized Sales tax (GST/HST) Notice (*applicable for permanent residents who have been in Canada for less than a year and do not have dependent children*);
- Direct Deposit form.

Other Information

- Pre-approvals are available for individuals looking for suitable accommodations;
- Rent Assist benefits are issued monthly by direct deposit or by cheque;
- Applications can only start once they are received in our office;
- Individuals will be approved for a period of 1 year. If during that year, there are changes to the household composition or finances, no mid-year reassessments will occur. The applicant will be able to reflect the changes in their re-application upon expiry of the current benefit period.

Other Information Cont'd

- Rent and the Rent Assist benefits must be declared on the applicant's Education Property Tax Credit (*MB479 form*) of their income tax;
- Clients must re-apply for Rent Assist each year. A re-application package will be mailed to applicants three months prior to their benefit expiring.

Appeal Process

- You have the right to appeal decisions about your Rent Assist with the **Social Services Appeal Board**.
 - Your written appeal may be sent, within 30 days of the date on the letter received from our office, to:

Social Services Appeal Board
7th Floor 175 Hargrave Street
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3R8
204-945-3003 Toll Free 1-800-282-8069

- If you are having an issue with a Landlord about your rental accommodation, please contact the **Residential Tenancies Branch** at:

204-945-2476 or rtb@gov.mb.ca



How do I apply?

Our application form is available for print online at

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/eia/pubs/rentassist/appform.pdf>

You can request a copy of the application to be mailed to you or you can visit the Rent Assist office.



Our Office

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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!