

Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit

The Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit is a short-term subsidy for households experiencing a temporary loss of income due to work shortages, layoffs, or other temporary circumstances.

Details

- Subsidy is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Your application will be processed in the order it was received
- The benefit is assigned based on number of bedrooms in the home and will be reduced in the second year (see Table 2)
- After two years, TRAB benefits end. If you still need assistance, you can re-apply

Eligibility

Households are eligible if they:

- Are a Canadian citizen, permanent resident (except for those who are under private sponsorship arrangement), convention refugee, or an individual who has applied for refugee or immigration status and private sponsorship has broken down
- Currently hold a lease agreement in the catchment area you are applying to
- Are in core housing need (rent costs more than 30% of the household's total income on rent)
- Have an income that is less than the local income threshold (see Table 1)
- Have a total asset value of \$25,000 or less
- Are employed or have been employed in the last 24 months
- **Are not** receiving social assistance, including:
 - Income Support
 - Learner Income Support
 - Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH)
 - Alberta Seniors Benefit or Canada Pension Plan
 - Guaranteed Income Supplement or Old Age Security
 - Rent Assistance Benefit (RAB)
- Individuals receiving Employment Insurance (EI) are eligible

Household Income thresholds

(Thresholds below are subject to change. To verify the most current, visit [Open Alberta](#))

Maximum Applicant Household Composition Examples	1 adult in a studio unit	1-2 adults	1 or 2 adults & up to 2 dependents	1 or 2 adults & up to 3 dependents	1 or 2 adults & 4 or more dependents
Maximum Income (Fort Saskatchewan & Strathcona County)	\$43,500	\$51,500	\$63,500	\$72,000	\$75,000
Maximum Income (Beaver County)	\$37,500	\$44,000	\$50,000	\$54,500	\$68,000

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TRAB Benefit Rates

(Rates below are subject to change. To verify the most current amounts, visit [Open Alberta](#))

Year One

Unit Type	Bachelor	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4-Bedroom
Monthly Benefit Amount	\$196	\$232	\$286	\$324	\$338

Year Two

Unit Type	Bachelor	1-Bedroom	2-Bedroom	3-Bedroom	4-Bedroom
Monthly Benefit Amount	\$157	\$186	\$229	\$259	\$270

Apply

Applications for TRAB are accepted through our online application portal. To apply, click on the link below and create an account to start your application.

- [TRAB Application \(online\)](#)

If you are unable to apply using our online portal, paper application materials can be found in the "Resources and Downloads" section on our website at www.heartlandhousing.ca/rent-assistance-programs/trab

Questions

If you have questions about applying, please reach out!

- Email applications@heartlandhousing.ca or
- Call (780) 400-3500.