

Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit Program

Homeland Housing provides Temporary Rent Assistance Benefits in the following communities:

- Bon Accord
- Clyde
- Gibbons
- Legal
- Morinville
- Redwater
- St. Albert
- Sturgeon County
- Westlock
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What is the Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit?

The Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit (TRAB) targets working households or those between jobs in core housing need that are not prioritized under other provincial housing programs. This benefit is designed where demand for social housing is highest, and

affordability is the lowest. TRAB helps make rent with a private landlord more affordable.

Homeland Housing administers the Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit (TRAB) for the Government of Alberta.

What is the Maximum Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit?

The TRAB is a flat subsidy rate varying based on household size. The TRAB program offers up to two years of benefits that decrease by 20% in the second year.

Studio	\$162
One Bedroom	\$189
Two Bedrooms	\$236
Three Bedrooms	\$281
Four Bedrooms	\$297

Eligibility for the Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit

To qualify for the Temporary Rent Assistance Benefit, applicants must meet all eligibility criteria under the Social Housing Accommodation Regulation. This means you must:

- Be in core housing need;
- Have a total asset value of \$25,000 or less;
- Be a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, convention refugee, an individual who has applied for refugee or immigration status and where private sponsorship has broken down.
- Households must be employed or have worked in the past 24 months (2 years) at the time of application.

You are not eligible for TRAB if you or anyone in your household are receiving any of the following:

- Income Support;
- Learner Income Support;
- Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped;
- Alberta Seniors Benefit;
- Guaranteed Income Supplement;
- Old Age Security;
- Social or community housing where rent is based on income.

- Rental Assistance Benefit (RAB).

How Long Can I Receive Benefits?

TRAB is a two-year program. Successful applicants will qualify for the first-year benefit, after which Homeland Housing will conduct an income review to confirm continued eligibility. After two years, TRAB ends. However, if you still need assistance, you can reapply for TRAB. Applications, including those submitted by previous recipients, will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

How Do I Apply?

You can apply online at www.homelandhousing.ca or complete an application and mail or fax it to Homeland Housing.

When Will I get the Temporary Rental Assistance Benefit?

Benefits are provided after an application has been submitted and approved. Program funding is limited.

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