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Rental Assistance & Rebates Guide

Money you may be missing – financial help for BC renters



Many renters qualify for financial assistance but never apply. This guide shows you exactly which programs you can access right now—from emergency loans to monthly rent subsidies to utility rebates. Some are automatic; others just need a phone call.

Why Check Your Eligibility

If you're struggling with rent, utilities, or deposits, you're not alone—and help exists. The programs below are designed specifically for renters. Most have simple application processes, and some provide money retroactively. Even if you've applied before and been denied, eligibility changes over time.

Direct Rental Assistance Programs

Rental Assistance Program (RAP)

Type: Monthly rent subsidy

Who qualifies: Families with children earning ~\$40,000–\$80,000 (varies by family size)

Benefit: Up to ~\$500/month paid directly to landlord

How to apply: BC Housing website or call 1-800-257-7873

BC Rent Bank

Type: Emergency loan (0% interest)

Max amount: \$2,000

For: Rental arrears, security deposits, first/last month rent

How to apply: Call **604-660-5019** (Lower Mainland) or rentbank.ca

Working Poor Benefit

Type: Tax credit (BC Climate Action Tax Credit)

Benefit: ~\$500/year for individuals; more for families

How to get it: **AUTOMATIC** File your taxes; you'll receive it automatically

Tip: File even if you have low income—

Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER)

Type: Monthly rent subsidy

Who qualifies: Renters aged 60+ with low to moderate income

Benefit: Monthly subsidy to help reach affordable housing costs

How to apply: BC Housing website