

Social Development

What is the Rent Supplement Program?

This program is offered by the Department of Social Development (SD). The Rent Supplement Program assists households in need obtain affordable, adequate and suitable rental accommodation by subsidizing rents in eligible rental dwellings.

Who qualifies?

To be eligible for Rent Supplement assistance a household must first be in at least one of the following situations:

- They occupy a crowded or inadequate dwelling and they currently pay less than 30% of their income for shelter, but basic shelter costs for an adequate and suitable dwelling available in their market would consume 30% or more of their income.
- They pay 30% or more of their income for shelter and an adequate and suitable dwelling available in their market area would consume 30% or more of their income.
- They have a need for special purpose accommodation.

In addition, where the household does not have a special purpose housing need, the total household income must be at or below the Housing Income Limit which vary by household size and area of the province.

How does it work?

Tenants qualifying for assistance through the Rent Supplement Program will have their rents reduced to 30% of the adjusted household income (for rent, heat, hot water, fridge & stove). Landlords will receive the difference between the rent paid by the tenant and the agreed upon market rent. To make this assistance available, Family & Community Services and an owner sign an agreement, designating a number of housing units to be subsidized (agreements can be renewed). All units selected will comply with property standards acceptable to SD. Annually, during the tenure of the agreement market rents may be adjusted upward to reflect any increase in market rents for similar accommodations in the area. Family & Community Services select households in need to be occupants of the units. Other than for the payment of the Rent Supplements by Family & Community Services the full normal relationship between landlord and tenant will exist between the owner and the eligible tenant(s).

Do you have any questions?

Please contact the housing office of the Department of Social Development in your area:

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