

## DIRECT RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

The Direct Rent Supplement Program has been established by Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing to help address the housing need throughout Alberta.

Capital Region Housing Corporation (CRHC) manages this program for Edmonton and the surrounding communities.

Tenants rent from a private landlord and are issued monies directly by CRHC to assist with their housing costs.

### Amount of Assistance

The amount of assistance, up to a maximum of \$550 per month<sup>1</sup>, is based on the difference between the tenant's actual market rent and approximately 30% of their income. This amount is then fixed for a one year period. Eligibility for continued assistance, which is subject to ongoing funding, is reviewed annually.

## APPLICATIONS

People interested in the Direct Rent Supplement Program may complete an application form and submit it to CRHC. Application forms are available from the office or may be printed from CRHC's web site.

### Eligibility

To qualify, applicants must be Canadian Citizens, independent landed immigrants, or government sponsored landed immigrants. Assets and belongings cannot exceed \$7000.

Total household income cannot be more than the maximum income limits<sup>1</sup> permitted under the program:

Bedroom Size	Maximum Income per year
Bachelor	\$29,000
One bedroom	\$35,000
Two bedroom	\$42,000
Three Bedroom	\$53,000
Four Bedroom	\$55,000
Five + Bedroom	\$58,000

The program is open to people who are renting a legal suite (e.g. apartment, townhouse, house).

## Proof of Income and Rent

Applicants must provide verification of their current income and proof of their rent (including copies of rent receipts, cancelled rent cheques and/or lease agreement).

### Waiting List

The waiting list is based on priority – those with the greatest need are offered the next available rent supplement.

Once a tenant begins to receive assistance from the Direct Rent Supplement Program, they may not leave their name on the waiting list for other subsidized housing programs. If they have significant changes to their circumstances, however, they may reapply for other housing programs. Significant changes could include market rent increases or income decreases.

### Geographic Boundaries

Tenants may move within the geographic boundaries administered by CRHC and continue to receive their rent supplement. They must notify CRHC of any change of address. If they move outside the

geographic boundaries, the rent supplement will be discontinued and they will have to reapply in their new location for another rent supplement.

Geographic boundaries are approximately from Fort Saskatchewan south to Leduc and from Spruce Grove east to Sherwood Park. Requests for rent supplement outside this region will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

### **Taxable Benefit**

The Direct Rent Supplement assistance is a taxable benefit. CRHC will issue tax receipts to the tenants at the end of the year.

The supplement may affect other benefits the tenants receive. They should check with their benefit provider.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### Office Address:

Capital Region Housing Corporation  
10232 - 112 Street NW  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1M4

#### Office Hours:

8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday  
(closed statutory holidays)

Telephone: 780-420-6161

Information Line: 780-428-8200

(24 hour recording with general information about who qualifies and how to apply)

Fax: 780-426-6854

Web site: [www.crhc.ab.ca](http://www.crhc.ab.ca)

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to change without notice