

# Canada-Manitoba Housing Benefit – Homelessness Stream

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The Canada-Manitoba Housing Benefit (CMHB) is a rent benefit that moves with you to help with housing costs. The homelessness stream of this benefit helps support people at risk of homelessness who need help to pay for rent. The benefit in this stream can be used anywhere in the private rental market in Manitoba.

## Eligibility

**To be eligible for the CMHB homelessness stream, applicants must:**

- complete a program application;
- be receiving Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) or Non-EIA Rent Assist, or have an earned annual net income below the Non-EIA Disability Program Income Limit;
- be in core housing need due to affordability;
- be a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident of Canada or refugee claimant;
- live in private rental accommodation; and
- have a tenancy agreement prior to receiving the benefit.

**You may also be eligible for the CMHB if:**

- you are 65 years or older and no longer receiving EIA and your net income is at or below the non-EIA Disability Program Income Limits to determine program eligibility and benefit amount;
- you are a working refugee claimant and are not eligible for EIA or non-EIA Rent Assist, and your net income is at or below the non-EIA Disability Program Income Limits to determine program eligibility and benefit amount;
- you are a refugee claimant receiving the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) waiting on EIA enrollment.

**You may not apply for the CMHB if:**

- you rent your home from Manitoba Housing or other subsidized housing;
- you live on a First Nations reserve;
- you live in a hospital or residential care facility;
- you live in student housing;
- you live outside of Manitoba.

## **Benefit Calculation**

Unless otherwise stated, the CMHB will be calculated as follows for eligible applicants:

- **For applicants receiving EIA Rent Assist**  
CMHB = Rent – Rent Assist, up to \$350 per month
- **For applicants receiving Non-EIA Rent Assist**  
CMHB = Rent – (30% of income + Non-EIA Rent Assist), up to \$350 per month
- **For applicants that have an earned annual income below the EIA Disability Program Income Limits**  
CMHB = Rent – 30 per cent of earned income, up to \$350 per month

If you are paying for your utilities out of pocket (i.e., a cold rent), you are eligible to receive an additional \$72 on top of your monthly benefit amount to help with your utility costs.

## **Applying**

To apply for the CMHB, [download an application form](#).

To have an application form mailed to you or if you have any questions, please e-mail:

[CMHBSI@gov.mb.ca](mailto:CMHBSI@gov.mb.ca)

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