

Reasons for Decision:

Order # AP1819-0136

<name removed> appealed that their application for the Rent Assist benefit was denied.

<name removed> has been a Manitoban residence since <year removed>. The appellant provided an overview of their work as an intern engineer while attending University to go through engineer licensing in Manitoba. They advised that they currently are not working and actively seeking employment.

The Manitoba Assistance Regulation indicates that a household of five or more persons are not eligible for the Rent Assist benefit if their annual net income exceeds \$41,040. The income used for the reapplication, effective <date removed>, was from <year removed> income as per Canada Revenue Agency. The household annual net income of <amount removed> exceeded the program maximum income threshold of \$41,040.00.

The Regulation does not allow for eligibility for Rent Assist benefits to be calculated based on current circumstances. Therefore, the program found that the family was not eligible for Rent Assist.

*Section 11.1.1(2) of the Manitoba Assistance Regulations state states:
When an application for shelter assistance under this Part is made
(a) in the first six months of a calendar year, a person's net income is to be determined based on the taxation year that ended on December 31 of the second preceding calendar year; and
(b) in the last six months of a calendar year, a person's net income is to be determined based on the taxation year that ended on December 31 of the preceding calendar year*

After carefully considering the written and verbal information, the Board has determined that <name removed>'s eligibility for the Rent Assist program has been properly assessed in accordance with The Manitoba Assistance Regulation. Eligibility for this program is always based on the amount of income earned in the previous year, or two years previous, it cannot be assessed based on current income and circumstances. The decision of the Director has therefore been confirmed.

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