

Rent Supplement Program Information Package

What is the Rent Supplement Program?

The Rent Supplement Program helps low-income families, elderly and special needs households obtain affordable, adequate, and suitable housing in the private rental sector and in non-profit affordable housing initiatives.

The provincial government enters into Rent Supplement Agreements with landlords and pays the difference between the rent charged by the landlord (the approved market rental rate) and the rent paid by the qualifying tenant (the rent-gear-to-income (RGI) rate).

How Do I Apply?

1. Select a rental property from the attached list and contact the landlord.
2. Confirm there is a unit available for Rent Supplement.
3. Confirm your program eligibility with the Landlord.
 - a. Total household income must be less than the Program Income Limits (PIL). See <http://www.gov.mb.ca/housing/mh/progs/pil.html>;
 - b. Applicant must be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant, or refugee; and
 - c. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older;
4. If there is a unit available and you are eligible for the program, the landlord will provide you with the necessary application forms. The landlord can assist you in filling out the application and obtaining the supported documents.
5. Gather all applicable support documentation for **ALL** household members and complete the Rent Supplement Application Support Documentation Checklist.
6. Attach all necessary support documentation to your completed application and submit it to the landlord.

What Happens Next?

Once you have submitted your complete application, processing will take a minimum of two to three weeks. You will be notified when your application has been processed. If approved, you will receive an approval letter indicating the rental amount you will pay to the landlord.

Rent Supplement is for a one year term. You must re-apply annually for the program three months prior to the end of your term.

Information Package and Application available in alternate formats, upon request.