

# Government of Canada

## One-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit

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You may be eligible for a **tax-free one-time payment of \$500** if your income and the amount that you pay on rent qualify.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) administers this one-time payment. To apply for this new federal one-time payment, you do not need to receive other housing benefits such as the Canada Housing Benefit, which is co-funded and delivered by the provinces and territories.

Applications are open **until Friday, March 31, 2023**.

**Who can apply (Eligibility Criteria)? You must meet all the following criteria:**

- You were born on or before Dec 1 2007
- Your principal residence was in Canada on Dec 1 2022
- You were a resident of Canada in 2022 for tax purposes
- You (and your spouse) have filed your income tax return for 2021
- In 2021, you had an adjusted family net income of \$35,000 for families or \$20,000 for individuals
- The 2022 eligible rent that you paid was 1) paid in the 2022 calendar year; 2) paid for any of your qualifying principal residences in 2022; and, 3) equal to at least 30% of your 2021 adjusted family income

**Get ready to apply. You will need the following:**

- 2021 income tax assessment
- 2022 rent information
  - Addresses of any principal residences in Canada in 2022
  - Total rent paid to all these residences in 2022
  - Name and contact information to whom the rent was paid in 2022
  - Confirm you have access to your CRA my account – this is the fastest way to apply and get the benefit.

You can also get the online application form at: [OTCHB - Before you begin \(cra-arc.gc.ca\)](#).

For more information, go to:

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[Or call: 1-800-282-8079](#)

Note: If the family pays the OW/ODSP flat rate for rent geared to income they will likely not be eligible for the CHB top up, as rent will likely be less than 30% of income. There is a CRA online rent income ratio calculator available.