

Submit completed application with supporting documents to:

Rental Assistance Program
101 – 4555 Kingsway
Burnaby, BC V5H 4V8

Please:

Print clearly.

Do NOT include original documents (we require photocopies only).

Do NOT use staples.

Avoid Processing Delays:

Eligibility cannot be determined until you provide all required documentation.

The most common cause of processing delays is missing documents.

Applications must:

- Be complete, signed and dated.
- Complete all sections and declarations.
- Include all supporting documents as listed in the attached checklist.

Applications submitted without required supporting documents can be held for a maximum of 90 days.

The Rental Assistance Program provides eligible low-income, working families in British Columbia with direct cash assistance to help with their monthly rent payments for their housing in the private market.

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible for the Rental Assistance Program if you and your spouse, if applicable, meet **all** the following conditions:

1. Have one or more dependent children.
2. Some or all annual household income comes from employment or employment insurance.
3. Your gross annual household income is \$40,000 or less.
4. Have less than \$100,000 in assets.
5. You file an annual Canadian income tax return.
6. You pay **more** than 30% of gross (before tax) monthly household income towards the rent for your home, including the cost of pad rental for a manufactured home (trailer) that you own and occupy.
7. You meet one of the following Citizenship requirements: Canadian citizen(s), or authorized to take up permanent residence in Canada, or Convention refugee(s); and are not under private sponsorship.
8. You or your spouse has lived in British Columbia for the full twelve (12) months immediately preceding your application.
9. You do not receive income assistance through the B.C. *Employment and Assistance Act* or the *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act* (excluding Medical Services only).

For more information on eligibility, please see the Rental Assistance Program brochure (online at www.bchousing.org) or call the Rental Assistance Program office at the number(s) below.

Rental Assistance Program

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date:

Status:

File:

**PLEASE
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1. Applicant Information

Social Insurance Number*	Last Name	First Name(s)	
Birth Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Age	Sex (M/F)	Born in Canada? (Yes/No)

2. Spouse or Partner Information (if applicable)

Social Insurance Number*	Last name	First name(s)	
Birth Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Age	Sex (M/F)	Born in Canada? (Yes/No)

*Required only if Option 1: Consent Granted is selected in question 3, below.

3. Consent for Release of Information from Canada Revenue Agency

To determine eligibility for the Rental Assistance Program, income tax information is required. You may give the Canada Revenue Agency permission to provide the required information or you can provide it to BC Housing yourself.

SELECT Option 1 or Option 2 below. Do not check more than one box.

Option 1: Consent Granted

Option 2: Consent Not Granted

I/We hereby consent to the release, by the Canada Revenue Agency, to BC Housing of information from my/our income tax records, whether supplied by me/us or by a third party. The information will be relevant to, and used solely for the purpose of, determining and verifying my/our eligibility, entitlement for and the general administration and enforcement of rental assistance/subsidies from BC Housing.

This authorization is valid for the current taxation year, the two taxation years immediately preceding the current taxation year and each subsequent consecutive taxation year for which I/we have applied for rental assistance/subsidy.

I/we understand that if I/we wish to withdraw this consent, I/we may do so at any time by writing to:

Manager, Applicant Services
BC Housing, 1701-4555 Kingsway
Burnaby, BC V5H 4V8.

I/We do not give consent for the Canada Revenue Agency to provide my/our income tax information to BC Housing. I/We understand that I/we will be responsible for providing verification of my/our income and assets in order to confirm eligibility for rental assistance/subsidy.

I/We have attached the following proof:

- Copy of Notice of Assessment for the last filed tax year.
- Copy of detailed Income Tax Return for the last filed tax year.
- If self-employed: Copy of Statement of Business Activities and all related worksheets (only required for individuals with self-employment income, either business or professional on their tax return).

NOTE: If you are not able to locate your Income Tax Return or Notice of Assessment, please contact the Canada Revenue Agency at 1-800-959-8281 or 1-800-959-2221 and request a "Detailed Notice of Assessment" or "Option C" print out.

Applicant:

Print Name

Signature

Date

Spouse:

Print Name

Signature

Date

4. Residency Information

4a. Have you lived in B.C. for the past twelve months? Yes No

If no, when did you move to B.C.? _____

How long have you lived in Canada? _____

4b. Please list your address(es) for the last 12 months:

Address(es)	From Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	To Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Landlord Name	Landlord Phone #
Current address				

4c. If you or your spouse were not born in Canada, please complete the following:

Name	Date moved to Canada (dd/mm/yyyy)	Current status in Canada	Sponsored Immigrants Only	
			Name of Sponsor	End Date of Sponsorship Agreement

5. Spousal Information

A spouse is a partner through marriage or common-law, or the person with whom the Applicant is living in a marriage-like relationship.

Single – Never Married Widowed

Divorced or Separated Date Separated or Divorced: _____

Married or Common Law

Does your spouse live with you at your B.C. residential address?

Yes No If No, provide their address: _____

6. Household Information

6a. List all other persons living with you. (If required, attach additional names on a separate sheet)

Relationship To Applicant	Last Name	Given Names	Birth Date* (dd/mm/yyyy)	Age*	Sex* (M/F/O)	Rent Contribution**

*Required for Dependents only

**Rent Contribution required only for non-dependents (i.e.: adult children, roommates, other)

6b. (Optional) Do you or anyone in your household identify as being an Indigenous person of Canada?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please select the option(s) that best describes your Indigenous identity:
<input type="checkbox"/> First Nations	<input type="checkbox"/> Métis	<input type="checkbox"/> Inuit <input type="checkbox"/> Other

Answers to Questions 6c. to 6f. are required only for spouse and/or dependent(s).

6c. For each household member not born in Canada please complete the following:

Name	Date moved to Canada (dd/mm/yyyy)	Status in Canada	Sponsored Immigrants Only	
			Name of Sponsor	Date Sponsorship Agreement Ends

If required, attach additional names on a separate sheet.

6d. Do all the people listed live with you full time right now? Yes No

If No, please provide the name of the person(s) and number of days per week they live with you.

Name	Days per week	Shared custody? (Yes/No)	If not shared custody, why does the person not live with you full-time?

If required, attach additional names on a separate sheet.

6e. Is any member of your household aged 19 or older and a full-time student? Yes No

If yes, list names _____

→ Note: See attached checklist for details of proof required.

6f. Is any member of your household a disabled dependent for income tax purposes? Yes No

If yes, list names _____

→ Note: See attached checklist for details of proof required.

7. Contact Information

Home Phone () -	Work Phone () -
Cell Phone () -	Email
Optional: Name of person we can leave messages with	Message person phone number () -
Optional: Authorized Contact* name and relationship to you	Authorized Contact phone number () -

*By providing an authorized contact, you are giving permission for BC Housing to exchange information with that authorized contact in order to maintain and update your Rental Assistance file. To remove an authorized contact, please contact BC Housing.

8. Residential Address

Apt #	Street #	Street Name	
City		B.C.	Postal Code

10c. Did you (or your spouse) report income from employment or employment insurance on the previous year's tax return?

Yes No

10d. Was the combined gross income on the previous year's tax returns for yourself and spouse under \$40,000?

Yes No

If you answered **No** to either of the above two questions please complete section 11 (Current Income) otherwise proceed to, and continue from Section 12 (Asset Information).

11. Current Income Information

You must declare **all sources of current incomes** and gross monthly amounts for each source. Attach extra sheet if required.

Income Source (Employment, Employment Insurance, Pensions, Support Income, Other)	Applicant	Spouse
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

→ *Note: See attached checklist for details of proof required.*

12. Asset Information

12a. Canadian and Foreign Finances: You must answer yes or no in the declaration for each line listed below.

Type of Assets (including all bank accounts, even with negative balances)	Do you hold any of this asset?	Bank, financial institution or company name	Total Value (\$)	
			Applicant	Spouse
Chequing and Savings account(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Stocks, GIC's, Term Deposits	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
RRSP/RESP/RSP/RDSP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Trust Funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Bonds/Other Shares/Foreign Funds	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Other Assets including Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Shares in a company or business*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

*If you own shares in a company or business provide legal name:

12b. Do you or your spouse (if applicable) own any Canadian or Foreign property? (e.g. house, cottage, townhouse, condominium, land, commercial property, etc.) Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information:

Type of Property	Location (Address)	Year Purchased	Value (\$)	Equity (\$)

→ *Note: Proof of assets must be submitted with application. See attached checklist for details.*

Purpose of this form:

This form collects personal information for contact purposes and to determine eligibility for assistance through the Rental Assistance Program. The information is collected in accordance with section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have any questions about the collection of your information, please call 604-433-1711 and ask to speak to BC Housing’s Privacy Officer or write to 4555 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC, V5H 4V8.

13. Declaration and Consent

PLEASE READ AND SIGN

I/We declare:

- This is my/our application and all the information in it is true, correct and complete in every respect; fully discloses my/our income from all sources; and accurately represents my current living circumstances.

I/We permit:

- BC Housing to verify any of the information I/we have provided in this application in order to assess my/our eligibility for benefits under the Rental Assistance Program.

I/We acknowledge and understand that:

- It is my/our responsibility to promptly provide, or cause to be provided, all information and documentation that is reasonably requested by BC Housing to determine my/our eligibility for benefits and/or for audit purposes. I/we are responsible to immediately inform BC Housing of any changes in my/our address, rent, marital status, family size, or the people sharing my/our accommodation so that my/our benefit can be adjusted accordingly.
- Failure to report changes in my/our address or household composition may result in an interruption or suspension of benefits and may also result in an overpayment, which I/we will be required to repay.
- Failure to report if I/we begin to receive income assistance through the Ministry responsible for the B.C. *Employment and Assistance Act* or the *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act* will result in an overpayment of benefits which I/we will be required to repay.
- Benefits paid under this agreement are a reimbursement of actual rent paid and if I/we fail to pay the full rental amount BC Housing may immediately stop payment of benefits and I/we agree to return to BC Housing all benefits paid for periods in which the full rental amount was not paid.
- BC Housing will audit some Rental Assistance Program applications and benefits may be adjusted if the audit reveals errors or omissions in any information.
- Misrepresentation of the information provided, in writing or by omission, may result in recovery of benefits in addition to any other remedies available in law or equity.
- Failure to report if I/we acquire property or my/our assets exceed \$100,000 will result in an overpayment which I/we will be required to repay.
- If I/we wish to withdraw this Declaration and Consent, I/we may do so at any time in writing to BC Housing, however withdrawal will result in my/our being ineligible for assistance through the Rental Assistance Program.

Signature of Applicant	Date

Signature of Spouse (if applicable)	Date

Next Steps

- 1. Sign & Date Application:** Unsigned applications will be returned which will result in a processing delay.
- 2. Attach Supporting Documents:** (Do not send original documents)
Review the attached checklist for more information on supporting documents.
- 3. Submit Application:** Rental Assistance Program, 101 – 4555 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4V8.

NOTE: The most common cause of processing delays is missing documentation. Applications submitted without all required supporting documents can be held for a maximum of 90 days.



Before submitting this application for the Rental Assistance Program, please review the following to make sure that all required information is included with the application.

- Applications are effective the latter of the month in which they are received by the Rental Assistance Program or the month in which an applicant is deemed eligible.
- Incomplete applications will be held for up to 90 days to allow applicants time to gather missing documentation.
- After 90 days, incomplete applications will be cancelled and the applicant will be required to submit a new application with supporting documents.
- **Please do not submit original documents.**

<p>1. Income Tax Information (Required for applicant and spouse, if applicable.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provide consent for release of tax information from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) on page 2 of this application; or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provide copies of last year's Income Tax Notice of Assessment AND detailed Income Tax return (include all pages); or T-slips from all income sources.</p> <p>Note: If you are not able to find your Income Tax Return or Notice of Assessment you can submit a Proof of Income Statement (Option C print) from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). This can be obtained by either logging into your CRA My Account at www.cra.gc.ca/myaccount and printing your assessment or calling CRA at 1-800 959-8281.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Note: If bankruptcy was declared within the last two taxation years, provide copies of the Income Tax Notices of Assessment and detailed Income Tax returns for both the pre- and post-bankruptcy.</p>
<p>2. Proof of Current Income</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Proof of any regular ongoing funds from non-taxable sources (alimony, family support, on-reserve income, private disability pension, etc.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Proof of current income from all sources if you answered No to questions 10c or 10d.</p>
<p>3. Bank Information for Direct Deposit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Blank cheque marked VOID; or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A Preauthorized Debit Form provided by your financial institution; or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Direct Deposit page included with this application completed by your financial institution.</p>
<p>4. Proof of status in Canada (Proof is required for all family members.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Canadian birth certificate(s) for all family members born in Canada; and</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For family members not born in Canada, provide copies of Permanent Residence documents.</p> <p>Acceptable proof includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Record of Landing (IMM1000) or Confirmation of Permanent Residence (IMM5292); or ▪ Any immigration document showing the date landed and the immigration code; or ▪ Canadian Citizenship Card, if you have been a Canadian Citizen for more than eight years.
<p>5. Students. Children age 19 to 24 in full-time attendance at a school, university or vocational institution must provide proof of enrolment.</p>
<p>6. Proof of Rent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rent Receipt showing address, rent amount, date and landlord name; or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of recent Rent Increase Notice; or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Lease or Tenancy Agreement (if signed within the past 12 months).</p>
<p>7. Proof of Assets (Include all that apply.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Copies of bank statements from all bank accounts.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Property tax assessments for value of property owned and proof of outstanding mortgage(s) for equity calculation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other statement showing total value of asset(s).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If you have shares in a business, please include proof of corporate shares.</p>
<p>8. Proof of self-employment (If applicable.)</p> <p>If last year's annual income included income from self-employment, attach:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Income and Expenses from last year's Income Tax return and all related worksheets (form T2125).</p>

For assistance call 604-433-2218 or toll free at 1-800-257-7756 from outside the Lower Mainland.

Assistance is paid by direct deposit to your account on the last business day of each month. The account must be in the name of the applicant and/or spouse (if applicable). The information requested below will provide BC Housing with the required financial institution, transit and account numbers needed for processing automatic payments to your account.

Please provide one of the following:

- A printed, personalized blank cheque marked VOID; or
- A Preauthorized Debit Form provided by your financial institution; or
- Have your financial institution complete the information below:

Name of Applicant

Have the following completed by your financial institution **if you are not attaching** a void cheque or a Preauthorized Debit form.

Transit Number	Bank Number	Account Number
Name(s) on the account		Phone number of financial institution

Financial Institution Stamp:

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