

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE?

The Shelter Allowance Program is implemented by the Société d'habitation du Québec and administered by Revenu Québec. If you think you qualify for the Program, **you should contact Revenu Québec** for a copy of the *Shelter Allowance Application* form:

Québec 418 266-1016
Montréal 514 940-1481
Elsewhere in Québec (toll-free) 1 855 291-6467
option 9, option 2, option 2

Telephone assistance for the hearing impaired

Montréal 514 873-4455
Elsewhere in Québec (toll-free) 1 800 361-3795



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You may obtain additional general information on the Shelter Allowance Program by contacting the Société d'habitation du Québec:

Telephone: 1 800 463-4315 (toll-free)

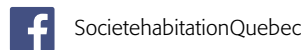
E-mail: infoshq@shq.gouv.qc.ca

Website: www.habitation.gouv.qc.ca

You may also contact your nearest Services Québec office.

Note: This leaflet gives only a summary of the program; other terms and conditions apply.

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SOCIÉTÉ D'HABITATION DU QUÉBEC

SHELTER ALLOWANCE PROGRAM

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Are you on a low income?

Do you have at least one dependent child or are you 50 years of age or older?

Is it a struggle to pay your rent or pay off your mortgage every month?

WE CAN HELP YOU!

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM?

The Shelter Allowance Program provides financial assistance for low-income households that must spend too much of their budget on rent.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR HELP FROM THE PROGRAM?

- People aged 50 or over who live alone.
- Couples in which one partner is aged 50 or over.
- Families (workers, students, welfare recipients) with low-income and at least one dependent child.

In addition, the Shelter Allowance Program is intended for owners, tenants and boarders in a rooming house, as well as for anyone on a low income who shares a dwelling with one or more other occupants. To receive a shelter allowance, you and your spouse, where applicable, must have filed an income tax return with the Québec Government.



YOU DO NOT QUALIFY IF:

- You live in low-rental housing or in a government-funded health and social services institution;
- You receive a rent supplement or another direct housing subsidy;
- You and your spouse, where applicable, possess goods or cash valued at more than \$50,000 (excluding the value of your home, land, furniture and car).

WHAT FORM DOES THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TAKE?

Financial assistance may be up to \$100 per month, depending on the number of people in your household, the type of household, your income and your rent or your mortgage payments. The amount of assistance is calculated annually and is paid to you monthly, by cheque or direct deposit. Assistance may be granted from the month following receipt of your application by Revenu Québec.

CHECK TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT YOU QUALIFY FOR THE SHELTER ALLOWANCE PROGRAM

2021-2022			
Number of people in your household	Your type of household	Your household's* monthly rent is more than or equal to**	Your household's annual income is less than or equal to***
	Person 50 years or older living in a rooming house	\$198	\$18,364
	Person with 1 child or more living in a rooming house		
	Individual aged 50 or over	\$308	\$18,364
	Childless couple in which at least one of the partners is aged 50 or over	\$398	\$27,971
	Single-parent family with one child		
	Couple with one child	\$434	\$27,971
	Single-parent family with two children		
	Couple with two children	\$460	\$27,971
	Single-parent family with three children		
	Couple with three or more children	\$486	\$27,971
	Single-parent family with four or more children		

* The Shelter Allowance Program also applies for mortgage loan repayment.

** If you pay your own electricity or heating, you may qualify for the Shelter Allowance Program even if your rent is less than the amount shown.

*** Your income for the 2020 taxation year, excluding monthly support payments received (for a maximum of \$350 per child).