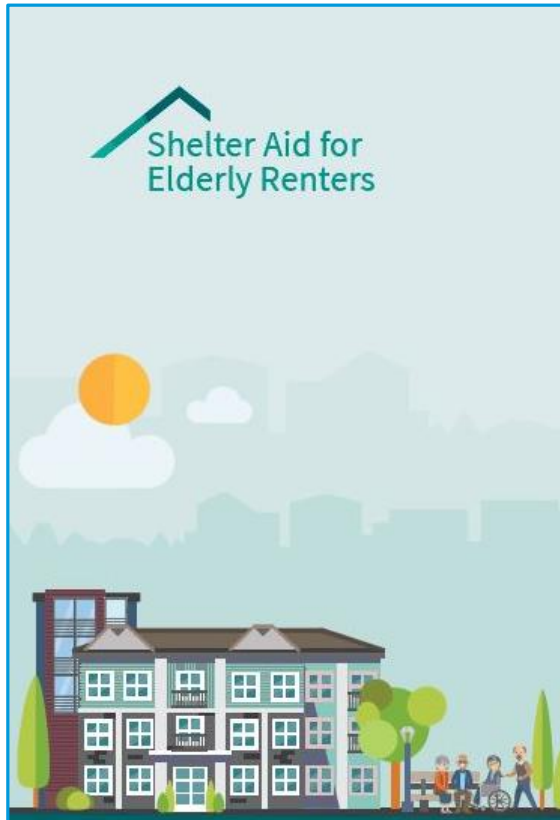


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What is the SAFER Program?



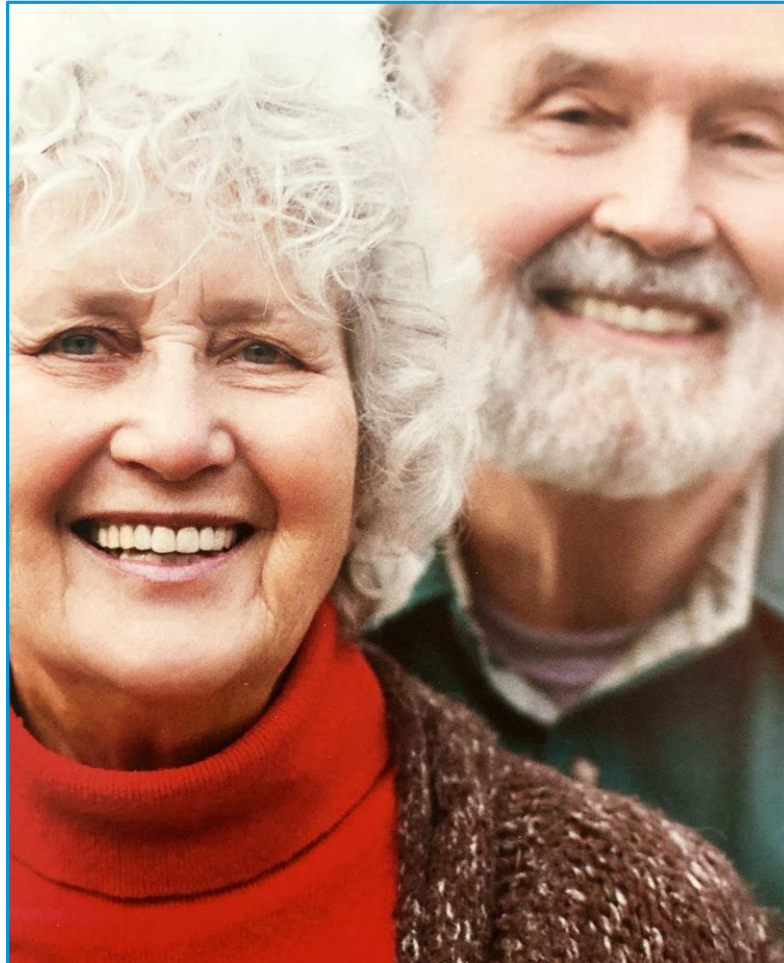
Provides direct cash assistance to make rent more affordable.

Available to eligible low-income seniors aged 60 and over.

Paid directly to eligible households monthly.

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How does SAFER work?



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Who is eligible?

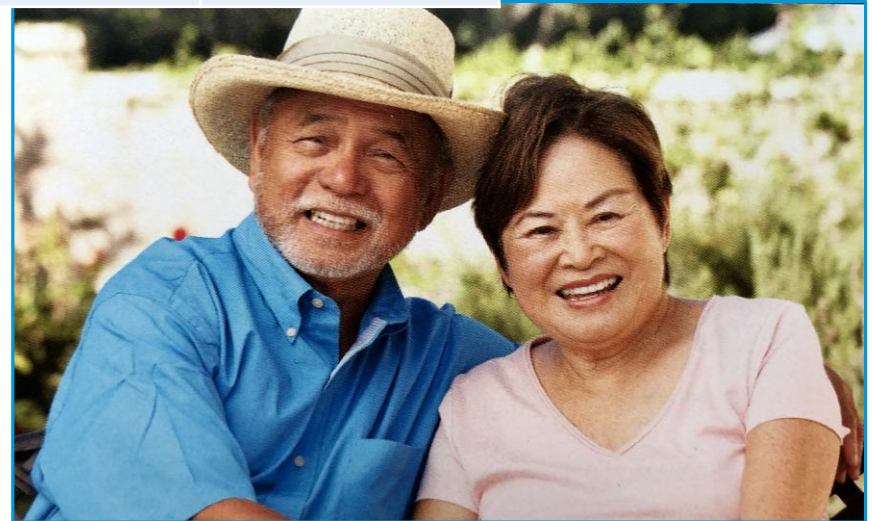


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Income Ceilings (Gross income)

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Single	2,550	2,446	2,446
Couple	2,750	2,666	2,666

**\$3,103 monthly
(\$37,240 annually) as
of August 2024**



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How to apply?

To obtain an application package:

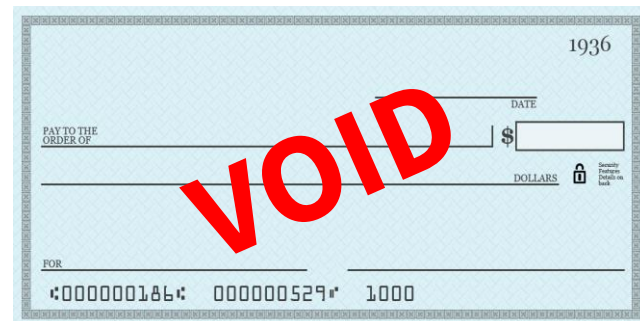
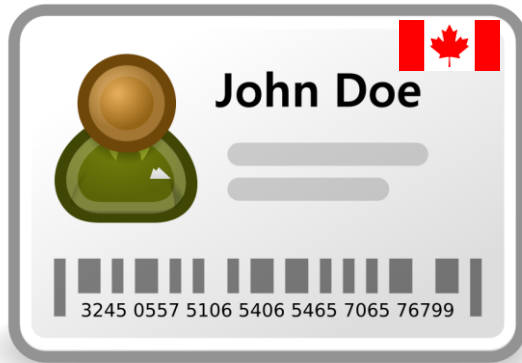
- Download from bchousing.org/SAFER
- Call 604-433-2218 / 1-800-257-7756
- Visit any BC Housing office

To return an application & supporting documents:

- Submit via [Program Upload Form](#) on www.bchousing.org
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- Mail to 101- 4555 Kingsway, Burnaby BC V5H 4V8
- Drop off in person at above address

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Documents required



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Application Check List

Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER) - Application Checklist

Incomplete applications will experience processing delays. Before submitting your application form please review the following to make sure that all required information is included.

- Applications are effective the latter of the month in which they are received by the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters program or the month in which an applicant is deemed eligible.
- Incomplete applications will experience processing delays and can be held for up to 90 days to allow time to gather and submit missing documentation.
- After 90 days, incomplete applications will be cancelled and the applicant will be required to complete a new application. The effective date will be adjusted to the month in which the new application is received.

Do NOT include original documents (we require photocopies only)
Identification and Residency (Required for applicant and spouse, if applicable) If you are receiving Old Age Security, attach a copy of one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Birth or baptismal certificate, Passport, Driver's License or a BC ID Card. If you are not in receipt of Old Age Security, please attach: <input type="checkbox"/> If born in Canada, Copy of Canadian birth or baptismal certificate, or Passport. <input type="checkbox"/> If not born in Canada, documentation showing date of birth as well as your status in Canada and that you are not under private sponsorship. For more information, please call 604-433-2218 or toll-free at 1-800-257-7756.
Power of Attorney (If applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Attach Power of Attorney authorizing documents.
Direct Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Attach a personalized blank cheque marked VOID to the application form; or <input type="checkbox"/> Attach a Preauthorized Debit Form provided by your financial institution; or <input type="checkbox"/> Have your financial institution complete the SAFER Direct Deposit section of this application.
Proof of Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Rent Receipt showing address, rent amount, date and landlord name; or <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of recent Rent Increase Notice; or <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Lease or Tenancy Agreement (if signed within the past 12 months); or <input type="checkbox"/> Have your landlord complete the Proof of Rent - Landlord Declaration section of this application.
Income Tax Information (Required for applicant and spouse, if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Provide consent for release of tax information from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) on page 2 of this application; or <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. 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.
Proof of Self-Employment (If applicable) If last year's annual income included income from self-employment , attach: <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Income and Expenses from last year's Income Tax return and all related worksheets (form T2125).
Proof of Current Income (If applicable) If any income reported on your tax return have stopped or permanently decreased, attach: <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of CURRENT gross monthly income, from all sources (cheque stubs, letter from employer bank statements showing direct deposits or other income statement).
BC Bus Pass T5007 Tax Slip (If applicable) If you (or your spouse, if applicable) received a T5 slip from the BC Bus Pass Program last year, attach: <input type="checkbox"/> The T5007 tax slip that indicates the bus pass benefit amount.

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Complete annual reapplication



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Reapplication Form

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2021/2022 Reapplication for SAFER
PLEASE RETURN PROMPTLY

1 RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM MAILING)

APT. No.	STREET No. and NAME
CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE

DAYTIME PHONE No. _____ ALTERNATE PHONE No. _____

2 CONTACT:

OPTIONAL: AUTHORIZED CONTACT NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU	AUTHORIZED CONTACT PHONE No.
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*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 SAFER file. To remove a previously added authorized contact please contact BC Housing.

3 HOUSEHOLD: Are you living alone? Yes No If No, please list all persons living with you in the sections below.

COUPLES: If you are sharing your accommodation with your spouse, please complete the following:

SPOUSE'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL	SOCIAL INSURANCE No.	BIRTH DATE
				DAY MONTH YEAR

SHARING: Please list all persons living with you (attach a separate page if needed):

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP	BIRTH DATE (IF UNDER 19)
				DAY MONTH YEAR

4 RENTAL INFORMATION:

PRINT LANDLORD/MANAGER'S NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE No.
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Total monthly rent \$ _____ Heat included in rent? Yes No Do you live in a co-op? Yes No

Does your rent include meals? Yes No If Yes, number of meals provided per day: _____

Do you live in a trailer or mobile home? Yes No If Yes, do you: Own Rent Pad rental \$ _____

To confirm your rental information, we require a copy of your most recent Notice of Rent Increase form, rental agreement, lease or rent receipt, which clearly shows your monthly rent OR if you are unable to provide one of the above, have your landlord/manager sign below.

I hereby verify the address and rent amount shown above is correct.

LANDLORD'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

5 GENERAL INCOME INFORMATION:

Have you retired? Yes No If Yes, please provide retirement date. _____

Did you receive any non-taxable income in the last tax year (regular ongoing funds from non-taxable sources)?
 Yes No IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE AND ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION _____

LIST ALL CURRENT INCOME SOURCES (INCLUDING ANY REGULAR ONGOING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM NON-TAXABLE SOURCES):	APPLICANT	SPOUSE
Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, and Allowance for the Survivor (if applicable)	\$ _____	\$ _____
ALL OTHER INCOME SOURCES (EMPLOYMENT, EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, PENSIONS BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, SUPPORT INCOME, ON-RESERVE EMPLOYMENT, SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT, FAMILY SUPPORT, AND ALL OTHER SOURCES)	APPLICANT	SPOUSE
	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____
	\$ _____	\$ _____

Have you received income assistance from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction in the last 24 months? Yes No

6 DECLARATION AND CONSENT

- I/We declare that this is my/our application and all the information in it is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge.
- I/We permit BC Housing to verify or confirm any of the information I/we have provided in this application in order to assess my/our ongoing eligibility for SAFER.
- I/we understand that it is my/our responsibility to promptly provide, or cause to be provided, all information and documentation that is reasonably requested by SAFER to determine eligibility and the amount of assistance, or for audit purposes. If I/we fail to disclose or misrepresent any information, such failure or misrepresentation may result in I/we no longer being eligible for assistance.
- If misrepresentation or failure to disclose information results in payment of assistance to which I/we were not entitled, I/we will be responsible to repay all moneys paid as a result of this disclosure information.
- I/we understand that the consent signed at the initial application is still in effect and will remain in effect for each subsequent year for which I/we apply for SAFER.
- I/we understand that it is my/our responsibility to notify BC Housing immediately of any changes in address, rent, and marital status or if I/we start receiving income assistance from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF SPOUSE _____ DATE _____

7 ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: PLEASE SEND ONLY THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

- Proof of current rent or have your landlord read and sign section 4.
 - If self-employed: Copy of Statement of Business Activities and all related worksheets for the 2020 tax year.
 - Proof of any regular ongoing funds from non-taxable sources (alimony, family support, on-reserve income, etc.).
- You previously provided consent for Canada Revenue Agency to release to BC Housing information from your income tax records. To avoid delays in processing, please ensure your 2020 taxes have been filed.

Do not send original documents. Submitted documents will not be returned.

Your personal information is collected on this application to contact you and to determine your continued eligibility for the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters Program (SAFER). The information is collected in accordance with section 26(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions about the collection of your information, please contact BC Housing's Privacy Officer by phone at 604-433-1711 or by writing to 4555 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC, V5H 4V8.

Please return to: SAFER 101 – 4555 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC, V5H 4V8

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PLEASE TURN OVER



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Online Reapplication – Citizen Portal



BC HOUSING

Citizen Portal Login

Email:

Password:

[Forgot Password](#)

[Register](#)

[Login](#)



BC HOUSING

Shelter Aid For Elderly Renters (SAFER)

Report changes immediately



What is BC-RAHA?

- Financial assistance for eligible homeowners and renters with a disability or permanent loss of ability.
- Provide rebates to complete home adaptations to improve safety and accessibility



Replaced the Home Adaptations for Independence (HAFI) program (April 2021)

How BC-RAHA works

- Rebate up to \$20,000 per home (lifetime max)
- Apply with supporting documents
- Application must be approved before actual work starts
- Have 180 days from date of approval to complete the work
- Pay contractor and submit Declaration of Work Completed, receipts & invoice to BC Housing
- BC Housing provides Rebate



What is the Maximum Rebate Schedule?

- Each approved adaptation is subject to a maximum rebate amount as per the [Maximum Rebate Schedule](#)
- The program will fund the lesser of the maximum rebate or the actual cost of each approved adaptation
- Some requests must be supported with an assessment from an Occupational Therapist or a Physical Therapist
- Most adaptations do not require an estimate



Who is eligible – Homeowners?

- Own your home and a household member has a permanent disability or loss of ability
- The homeowner(s) and the person(s) requiring adaptations must have Canadian status and not under private sponsorship
- Gross household income < \$128,810 (April 2023)
- Household assets (excluding value of home) < \$100,000
- The home for adaptation is owner-occupied and is the primary residence of person(s) requiring adaptations.
- The home's BC Assessment value is below the [Home Value Limit](#) of the assessment area.



Who is eligible – Renters?

- Pay rent in the private rental market and a household member has a permanent disability or loss of ability
- Rental unit is a legal and self-contained unit
- Renter(s) apply with landlord(s) with rebate issued to the landlord(s)
- The renter(s) and the person(s) requiring adaptations must have Canadian status and not under private sponsorship
- Renter(s) gross household income < \$128,810
- Renter(s) household assets < \$100,000
- Rent below the [Rent Affordability Limits](#) of the area.



What types of properties are eligible?

- A single-household house or townhouse
- Co-operative housing, not subsidized by any level of government
- An individual unit in a strata corporation (condo) property
- Legal basement suite
- An individual unit in a multiple-unit rental building
- Manufactured homes where applicant owns or rents the home and pays rent for the pad (site)



What adaptations are eligible?

All adaptations should be permanent and fixed to the home

- Handrails in hallways or stairways
- Ramps for ease of access
- Easy to reach work and storage areas in the kitchen and bathroom
- Grab bars in showers & bathtubs
- Wheel-in showers
- Permanently fixed lifting & trapeze devices and overhead transfer tracks



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