
One-time Top-Up Canada Housing Benefit

HOW TO APPLY?

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What is ACORN?

ACORN Canada (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) is a community union of low- and moderate-income people. We have over 160,000 members organized into 24+ neighbourhood chapters in 9 cities across Canada. We believe that social and economic justice can best be achieved with a national active membership who are invested in their organization and focused on building power for change!

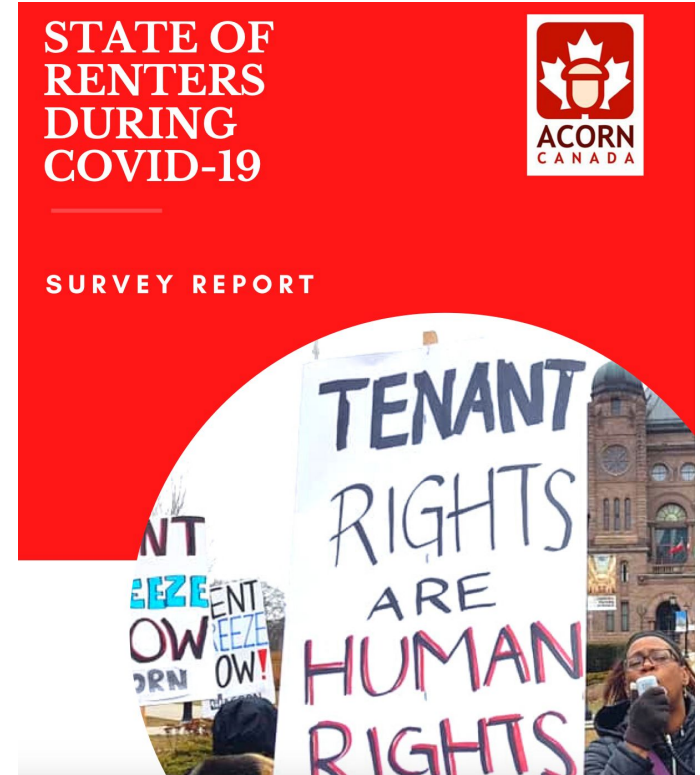


One-Time \$500 Rental Top-Up Benefit

ACORN has been asking the federal government to launch some support for low-income renters.

ACORN did a national survey - ***State of Renters during the Pandemic*** - responded by more than 1000 ACORN members.

Finally, the feds launched the One-Time \$500 Top-Up Canada Housing Benefit (after 2 years!!!)



One-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit

- For low-income renters to support the cost of renting.
- Tax-free one-time payment of \$500.
- Administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) administers this one-time payment.
- Applications are open until Friday, March 31, 2023 (11:59 pm ET).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- have filed a 2021 tax return;
- be at least 15 years of age as of December 1, 2022;
- be a resident in Canada in 2022 for tax purposes;
- have an adjusted family net income of \$20,000 or less for individuals, or \$35,000 or less for families (Line 23600)
- have paid at least 30% of their 2021 adjusted family net income on rent for their principal residence in the 2022 calendar year; and
- be able to provide their 2022 address(es) and landlord's contact information.

****You do not need other housing benefits to qualify.**

How to apply?

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| <p>CRA MyAccount Fastest way to apply!</p> | <p>Don't have it? Register using this link without waiting for the security code: https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/e-services/e-services-individuals/account-individuals.html</p> |
| <p>My Service Canada Account</p> | <p>https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/my-account.html</p> |
| <p>Online application form</p> | <p>https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebci/uisp/hbw/ntr</p> <p>If you have changed your address and/or direct deposit information since November 1, 2022, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will not be able to process your OTCHB application using this application method.</p> |
| <p>Phone - VERY SIMPLE! Just give them a call!</p> | <p>Where to call? Call <u>1-800-282-8079</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday to Friday: 8 am to 8 pm (local time);• Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm (local time) |

What information do you need to apply for the one-time top-up benefit?

- Filed your income taxes for 2021 - if you are filing the application through the online application form or calling the number, you will be asked if you filed your income tax return for 2021.
- **Amount of rent** you paid in the 2022 calendar year.
- Name and contact information of the person/s (or agency) to whom the rent was paid.
- Your date of birth
- SIN number
- If applying through CRA MyAccount, check if your Direct Deposit information is saved.

When can you expect the payment?

Direct deposit takes up to 5 business days if you have it set up with the CRA.

A mailed cheque should arrive in about 10 business days.

Payment processing times might be a bit longer if the application is not through the CRA account.

More information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/child-and-family-benefits/top-up-canada-housing-benefit.html>

BUT is the rental top-up enough?

- It's a TEMPORARY support.
- Only very few people are eligible for it.
- All the other crucial issues remain - lack of rent control, financialized landlords, chronic disinvestment in social housing and more!

Join ACORN to fight back!