

Strengthening Families.  
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## The Manitoba Shelter Benefit for Families



Manitoba 

### WHAT IS THE MSB?

The MSB helps people pay their rent.

The MSB helps three groups of people:

- families
- seniors
- persons with a disability

### IS YOUR FAMILY PAYING RENT?

You may be able to get the Manitoba Shelter Benefit (MSB) for Families, if you:

- rent your home, and
- earn less than \$26,136 per year, and
- have children living in your home.

### YOU CANNOT GET THE MSB FOR FAMILIES IF YOU:

- rent from The Manitoba Housing Authority, or
- get another type of housing benefit, or
- get Employment and Income Assistance, or
- live on a First Nations reserve.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF I CAN GET THE MSB FOR FAMILIES?

To get the MSB for Families, you must:

- have one or more dependents under 18 and get the Canada Child Tax Benefit, and
- pay rent in Manitoba, and
- spend more than 25% of your income on rent, and
- be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or refugee claimant.

### DOES MY INCOME HAVE TO BE LESS THAN A CERTAIN AMOUNT?

- a two-person family's household must earn less than \$23,256 per year
- a three-person family's household must earn less than \$25,128 per year
- a four-person (or more) family's household must earn less than \$26,136 per year

### HOW MUCH WILL I GET?

You may get up to \$210 per month. It will depend on your total family income and your monthly rent. When you apply, we will work it out for you.

### I HAVE A ROOMMATE. CAN I GET THE BENEFIT?

Depending on the total income of all the people living in your home, you may get the MSB. You cannot get the benefit if your roommate already receives the MSB or another type of housing benefit.

### I AM PAYING ROOM AND BOARD. CAN I GET THE BENEFIT?

Yes, if you meet the other conditions.

### HOW ARE BENEFITS PAID?

We will mail you a cheque at the end of each month.

### WILL THE MANITOBA SHELTER BENEFIT AFFECT MY EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX CREDIT?

The amount of the MSB received in a given year must be declared on the Manitoba Tax Credits form for that year, and may affect the amount of the Education Property Tax Credit that you may claim.

### WHERE DO I GET AN APPLICATION FORM?

- phone us at 945-2197 or 1-877-587-6224 (toll free) or TTY 948-3698 and we will mail it to you
- pick it up at your local Manitoba Housing Authority office
- pick it up at your local Manitoba Family Services and Housing office
- download it from our website at [www.gov.mb.ca/fs/housing/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/housing/)

### For more information:

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- e-mail us at [provservic@gov.mb.ca](mailto:provservic@gov.mb.ca)
- visit us at 102-114 Garry Street in Winnipeg from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday

