



The Manitoba Shelter Benefit for Persons with a Disability

WHAT IS THE MSB?

The Manitoba Shelter Benefit helps people pay their rent.

The MSB helps three groups of people:

- persons with a disability
- families
- seniors

DO YOU HAVE A DISABILITY?

You may be able to get the Manitoba Shelter Benefit (MSB) for Persons with a Disability, if you:

- rent your home, and
- earn less than \$23,760 per year, and
- you or your spouse or common-law partner has a disability; or you have an adult dependent with a disability living at home.

YOU CANNOT GET THE MSB FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY, IF YOU:

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

IF YOU GET EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME ASSISTANCE (EIA), YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GET A DIFFERENT MSB, IF YOU ALSO:

- pay rent, and
- you or your spouse or common-law partner has a disability.

In this case, please talk to your EIA worker or see the Fact Sheet *Manitoba Shelter Benefit for Persons Receiving Employment and Income Assistance*.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I CAN GET THE MSB FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY?

To get the MSB for Persons with a Disability, you must:

- have a disability, or have a spouse or common-law partner with a disability, or have an adult dependent with a disability living at home, and
- be under 55 years of age and have no children under 18 living at home, 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 single person's household must earn less than \$21,168
- a two-person's household (couple, or adult dependent and caregiver) must earn less than \$23,760

HOW MUCH WILL I GET?

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

I AM IN A NURSING HOME, HOSPITAL OR RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY.

CAN I GET THE BENEFIT?

No. The MSB is only for people who rent their home.

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.

THE PERSON I LIVE WITH IS MY PAID ATTENDANT. CAN I GET THE BENEFIT?

Yes, you may be able to get the benefit.

I HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 18 AT HOME. CAN I GET THE BENEFIT?

You may be able to get the MSB for Families. Please see the *Manitoba Shelter Benefit for Families* brochure.

I AM OVER 55 YEARS OLD. CAN I GET THE BENEFIT?

You may be able to get the MSB for Seniors. Please see the *Manitoba Shelter Benefit for Seniors* brochure.

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/

For more information:

- phone us at 945-2197 or 1-877-587-6224 (toll free) or TTY 948-3698
- e-mail us at 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