



Capital Region Housing

The Way Home



Direct Rent Supplement

The *Direct Rent Supplement (DRS)* Program provides subsidies to people with lower incomes who are renting from a private landlord.

Capital Region Housing administers the program in Edmonton and surrounding areas.



How the Subsidy Works

Subsidy recipients must be eligible as outlined in the *Social Housing Accommodation Regulation*. Recipients receive a subsidy towards their rent.

Recipients live in private rental accommodations and are responsible for paying rent to their landlord. The subsidy is paid directly to the recipient before the first day of each month.

To determine continued eligibility and for annual subsidy renewal, recipients must provide income and asset information on an annual basis.

Approved Forms of Private Rentals

CRH will provide subsidies to those renting:

- self- contained units
- mobile homes (renting the mobile home and pad)
- condos
- legal secondary suites (such as those above a garage)
- co-ops

Subsidies are not provided to those living in shared accommodations, motels or hotels. Basement suites must be approved by the municipality.

Moving

Tenants may be eligible to move their subsidy with them if they move to another approved form of private rental accommodation.

Taxable Benefit

The Direct Rent Supplement is a taxable benefit. CRH issues tax receipts at the end of the year. This supplement may affect other benefits.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete an application and submit it either in person, by mail or by fax to the CRH office.

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