

Continued Eligibility – Rental Assistance Benefit (RAB)

Rental Assistance Benefits (RAB) are benefits paid directly to Newell Housing Foundation subsidy recipients to help make their rent with a landlord more affordable.

Continued Eligibility

Annual Income Review – To continue receiving Rental Assistance Benefits, recipients must complete an annual income review each March at Income Tax time.

Household Income Limits – Recipients must remain under the Income Threshold set annually by the Government of Alberta. If the recipient is still eligible, Newell Housing Foundation will recalculate their subsidy amount. If they are no longer eligible, the subsidy will be canceled.

Changes in Household Information

As part of the RAB agreement, recipients must tell Newell Housing Foundation if:

- Their contact information changes.
- They move or plan to move.
- They want to move someone in or out of someone moves in or out of their household.
- A roommate moves in

- Their income changes.
- They rent out a room in their home to someone who is not part of their household.
- The market rent for their home changes.

These changes may impact on a recipient's RAB subsidy amount or eligibility.

Informing Office – Recipients must tell Newell Housing Foundation of any changes within a month of the change. If recipients do not disclose these changes, their subsidy may be canceled.

Recalculating the Subsidy - We will recalculate the subsidy amount after receiving documentation verifying changes in the household income, composition, rent, or accommodation.

What if my mailing address, email or phone number have changed?

Complete the Change of Household Information form (available at the villa office.) If your income changes, your Rent Assistance Benefit amount may change. If you or someone in your household begins receiving Alberta Income Support, Employment Insurance, Increase or Decrease to your Employment Income, Maternity, or Parental Leave Benefits, may result in your subsidy to change.

What if someone moves into my home?

If the person is being added as a household member, submit the new household member's citizenship status, income, and asset information so we can reassess your household eligibility.

If the new household member makes the recipient household ineligible, the recipient will be notified that they will lose their benefit.

If the recipient household is still eligible, the new household member will be added to the file. We will recalculate your total household income and adjust your RAB subsidy amount.

What if someone moves out of my home?

Complete the Change of Household Information form available at the villa office. The household member can be removed from the recipient file. We will recalculate your total household income and will adjust your RAB subsidy amount.

Can a hold be placed on my Subsidy?

A hold will be placed on a recipient's benefit if:

- The recipient does not provide the required information or provides false or misleading information can result in a hold or cancelation of the subsidy. If the client fails to provide the Annual Income Review form, Notice of Assessments, requested rent report, requested bank statements, requested rent receipts, new lease agreement, or any additional information as requested to assess the recipient's continued eligibility.

canceled?

If the recipient remains ineligible after their benefit has been on hold, their benefits will be canceled.

- The RAB recipient moves into ineligible housing.
- The recipient moves without informing the Newell Housing Foundation Office or moves outside the eligible area.
- The recipient moves another person into their housing without notifying Newell Housing Foundation and providing documentation.
- The RAB recipient does not use subsidy for the payment of their rent.
- Recipient provides false or misleading documents or information.
- Recipient fails to provide requested documents to remain eligible in the program.
- Public Funding for the Rent Assistance Benefit Program is canceled by the Alberta Government.
- The recipient is no longer eligible for the Program under the Alberta Housing Act and its regulations.

When can a benefits agreement be