

## Tenant Selection

Housing providers have different criteria for selecting tenants.

- Some use a first-come, first-served waitlist while others offer units based on housing need.
- Willingness to participate in running the development is one of the criteria that Co-ops use when selecting new members.
- Demand for subsidized housing exceeds the available supply; we cannot predict when a home may become available.
  - › Wait times depend on the number of unit turn-overs and the needs of other households applying for housing.
  - › To increase the chance of obtaining a home, select a range of developments and apply directly to housing providers that maintain their own lists of applicants.
  - › If you turn down two offers, your application will be closed.

## Other Options

- If you are renting in the private market, you may be eligible for assistance with your rent through one of the following programs:
  - › **Rental Assistance Program** – for low-income working families
  - › **Shelter Aid For Elderly Renters** – for seniors age 60 or older
- If you are a woman at risk of violence, you can contact a transition house or safe home.
- If you are homeless or at risk of homelessness, you can:
  - › access emergency shelters; or
  - › apply for supportive housing.
- If you require assisted living, speak with your doctor or health authority Case Manager.
- If you have housing, but require modifications to your home to assist with remaining in your home, you may be eligible for the Home Adaptations for Independence program.

More information on the above options can be found online at [bchousing.org](http://bchousing.org).

Find out if you are eligible for Subsidized Housing or other programs at [bchousing.org/programfinder](http://bchousing.org/programfinder)

For more information

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Metro Vancouver: 604-433-2218  
Elsewhere in BC: 1-800-257-7756  
Fax: 604-439-4729  
[bchousing.org](http://bchousing.org)

# Applying for Subsidized Housing

Subsidized housing is rental housing for British Columbians. The amount that a tenant pays depends on family size and total household income and is reviewed annually.



Find out if you are eligible at [bchousing.org/programfinder](http://bchousing.org/programfinder)

Apply online to The Housing Registry at [housingapplication.bchousing.org](http://housingapplication.bchousing.org)

For more information, call 604-433-2218 or 1-800-257-7756

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## 1 STEP

# How to Apply

## Confirm your Eligibility

### Eligibility: Household Requirements

- **Families** – a minimum of two people, including one dependent child.
- **Seniors** age 55 and older.
- **People with disabilities** who can live independently and qualify for a disability pension or are eligible for the disability tax credit.
- **Single people** with low income who are at risk of homelessness.
- Applicants must permanently live in British Columbia. All adult members of the household must not be under private sponsorship and must be one of the following:
  - › **Canadian citizens**
  - › **individuals lawfully admitted to Canada**
  - › **refugees sponsored by the Government of Canada**
  - › **individuals who have applied for refugee status**

### Eligibility: Income and Assets

- **Applicants must have household incomes that fall below an amount based on their household size and location in the province.** The current housing income limits are available online at [bchousing.org](http://bchousing.org).
- Some housing providers offer market or low-end-of-market units. Applications can be accepted from households with incomes over the housing income limits for developments with market units.
- Some housing providers may also have an asset ceiling.

### Other eligibility criteria apply:

Tenants who have previously lived in subsidized housing may be eligible to reapply and may be subject to special provisions. Please visit [bchousing.org](http://bchousing.org) or contact The Housing Registry for complete details.

## 2 STEP

## Identify Housing Options

The Housing Listings ([bchousing.org/housinglistings](http://bchousing.org/housinglistings)) include information on subsidized and affordable housing across the province. The listings are divided into two sections:

- **Section 1** includes buildings where you need to **apply to The Housing Registry.**
- **Section 2** includes buildings where you need to **apply directly with the housing provider.**



Apply online to The Housing Registry at [housingapplication.bchousing.org](http://housingapplication.bchousing.org)

## 3 STEP

## Apply

- To apply to The Housing Registry for buildings in Section 1 of the Housing Listings:
  - › Apply online at [housingapplication.bchousing.org](http://housingapplication.bchousing.org); or
  - › Download an Application form from [bchousing.org](http://bchousing.org); or
  - › Contact The Housing Registry at **604-433-2218** or toll-free at **1-800-257-7756** to have an application mailed to you.
- To apply for buildings in Section 2 of the Housing Listings, contact the housing provider directly using the information in the listing.

## 4 STEP

## Keep your Application Up to Date

- Provide day and evening phone numbers or the phone number of a contact person where a message can be left for you.
- Let The Housing Registry know if there are changes to your rent, address, family size or income.
- To remain active on The Housing Registry list, you must update your application at least once every six months.