

BC Rebate for Accessible Home Adaptations (BC RAHA) Factsheet

About the Program

The BC Rebate for Accessible Home Adaptations Program (BC RAHA) gives financial assistance to eligible low- and moderate-income households to complete home adaptations for accessibility. The program allows seniors and people with permanent disabilities or diminished ability to access greater independence within their own homes. As of January 26, 2021, this program replaces the Home Adaptations for Independence Program, or HAFI. The revised program offers greater opportunity and simplified application processes.

Eligibility

Homeowners:

- You may be eligible for BC RAHA if you meet all the following conditions:
 - A member of the household has a permanent disability or loss of ability.
 - The adaptations are eligible and reasonably related to the permanent disability or loss of ability. Some adaptations must be supported by an Occupational or Physical Therapist assessment and recommendation.
 - The homeowner(s) and the person(s) requiring the adaptations are a Canadian citizen, or otherwise authorized to take up permanent residence in Canada including refugees sponsored by the Government of Canada or individuals who have applied for refugee status who are not under private sponsorship.
 - Gross household income is less than \$128,810.
 - Household assets are less than \$100,000 (excluding the value of the home to be adapted).
 - The home for adaptation is owner-occupied and is the principal residence of the person(s) requiring adaptations.
 - The home's BC Assessment value is below the Home Value Limit (HVL) for your assessment area.
 - The home for adaptation is an eligible residence.

Renters:

- You may be eligible for BC RAHA if you meet all the following conditions:
 - A member of the household has a permanent disability or loss of ability.
 - The adaptations are eligible and directly related to the permanent disability or loss of ability. Some adaptations must be supported by an Occupational or Physical Therapist assessment and recommendation.
 - The tenant(s) and the person(s) requiring the adaptations are a Canadian citizen, or otherwise authorized to take up permanent residence in Canada including refugees sponsored by the Government of Canada or individuals who have applied for refugee status who are not under private sponsorship.
 - Tenant's gross household income is less than \$128,810.

- Tenant's household assets are less than \$100,000.
 - The unit for adaptations is a legal, self-contained unit with a full kitchen and bathroom within the unit and is an eligible residence
 - The unit is rented to a household who lives independently (i.e. not assisted living).
 - A Tenancy Agreement is in place with the rent falling below the Rent Affordability Limits (RALs).
 - The landlord agrees that the rent for the adapted unit(s) will not be increased as a result of the adaptations.
- Eligibility criteria and application forms can be found at <http://www.bchousing.org/BC-RAHA>

How to Apply

Step 1 – Check if you are eligible

Step 2 – If you're a homeowner, complete the application form. For rental units, the Landlord completes the Landlord portion of the Application Form and Tenant completes the Tenant portion of the Application Form.

Step 3 – Get an in-home Occupational Therapist (OT) or Physical Therapist (PT) Assessment (if required). Visit www.bchousing.org/BC-RAHA for more information on how to find an OT or PT.

Step 4 – Have the OT complete the Assessment Form (if required).

Step 5 – Submit your completed application, supporting documents, and Assessment Form (if required) to:

BC Rebate for Accessible Home Adaptations
101 – 4555 Kingsway
Burnaby, BC V5H 4V8

Avoid Processing Delays

Funding is limited. Fully completed applications with all supporting documents will be reviewed in the order they are received.

Applications must:

- Be complete, signed and dated
- Have all sections and declarations complete, including Landlord and Tenant sections, if applicable.
- Include all supporting documents as listed in the application checklist
- Include the Assessment Form, completed by an Occupational or Physical Therapist (if necessary).

Applications submitted without required documents can be held for a maximum of 90 days.

Visit Our Website

You can find the application forms, frequently asked questions, and the Maximum Rebate Schedule at www.bchousing.org/BC-RAHA.