

# Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) Fact Sheet

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What is the COHB? The Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) is a portable housing benefit that helps eligible households afford rent in Ontario. Unlike rent-geared-to-income (RGI) housing, the benefit moves with the recipient and can be used anywhere in the province.



## Who Can Apply?

- ✓ Must live in the District of Rainy River
- ✓ Must be on or eligible for the Centralized Waiting List for social housing
- ✓ Social assistance recipients may qualify for a different calculation
- ✓ Applications are only accepted while funding is available

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## How Does It Work?

- ✓ Benefit covers the difference between 30% of a household's income and the average market rent in their area
- ✓ For social assistance recipients: Covers the gap between the shelter allowance and actual housing costs
- ✓ Benefit amount is reviewed annually using income tax information
- ✓ Benefit may increase or decrease based on changes in income, household size, or location

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## How to Apply?

- ✓ Complete an application with an intake worker at the District of Rainy River Services Board
- ✓ Annual renewal required – Renewal applications are sent in May and must be returned by September 1
- ✓ Failure to submit renewal forms will result in loss of benefits

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Contact Information:  Call: 807-274-5349

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For more details, visit the District of Rainy River Services Board office or contact an intake worker.

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