

BC GOVERNMENT COVID-19 RENT SUPPORT

Eviction Ban	Evictions ban details	How it is received
Rent Relief	Up to \$500 for 3 months	Will be applied through BC Housing and will go directly to landlords.
Rent increase freeze	Annual rent increase banned as of Wednesday, March 25, 2020.	

More info on Supporting renters, landlords during COVID-19
[Click here to view website](#)

BC Housing
604-433-2218 or 1-800-257-7756

Temporary changes to the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) and Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER)
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SAFER (Shelter Aid for Elderly Residents)
604-433-2218 or 1-800-257-7756
Seniors Rental Supplement

Rental Assistance Program
604-433-2218 or 1-800-257-7756

The program provides eligible low-income, working families with cash assistance to help with their monthly rent payments.

**Clients with reduced employment income on or after March 1, 2020 may request a short-term adjustment to their monthly benefit. The adjusted benefit amount is effective the month the reduction in employment income occurs. BC Housing must be notified within 4 months for clients to receive this benefit. New RAP applicants with reduced income may have their eligibility and benefit calculation temporarily based on new, reduced income. In addition, the Emergency Care Benefit from the federal government will be considered a qualifying, employment replacement income.

The 12 month BC Residency requirement will also be waived for any applicants that meet all other eligibility criteria.

Rent Banks
What they are:

A service that provides assistance to eligible individuals and families who meet low-income requirements and are at risk of eviction or essential utility disconnection, due to a temporary shortage of funds.

The Vancouver Rent Bank
[Click here to view website](#)

New Westminster Rent Bank
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Chimo Richmond Rent Bank
[Click here to view website](#)

Sources Rent Bank Surrey/ White Rock/ Delta
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