

Q&A ABOUT RENTERS' RIGHTS

What does the new Provincial announcement mean for my April rent?

The BC government has banned all current and future evictions at this time. So if you cannot pay your April rent right now, you will NOT be evicted. You will however, need to pay your April rent at a later date once the virus crisis has passed.

Will I be evicted if I don't pay my April rent?

No. The BC government has temporarily banned all evictions so you will NOT be evicted if you don't pay rent in April.

What is the \$500 renter's rebate?

The BC government announced relief for renters for the next few months. Eligible renters will have up to \$500 paid directly to your landlord by the Province each month for the next few months. The amount you receive will depend on your level of income.



How do I apply for the rent rebate?

You can apply on the BC Housing website in early April under the BC Temporary Rental Supplement Program.

Who is eligible for the rent rebate?

Only people who have been laid off or lost significant income as a result of the Covid crisis AND are considered to be at low to moderate-income level will be eligible. The government will release more details soon on who qualifies.

So will they send me a cheque for \$500 each month if I'm eligible?

NO. If you qualify for the renter's rebate, the Province will pay your landlord directly and that amount would be deducted from the total rent you owe after the crisis has passed.

Is it possible that I will have to pay my April rent in July or August?

Yes. Once the crisis has passed, you will still owe rent for the month of April.