

Housing Security Benefit Guide

For those who are in danger of losing their residence due to a reduction in income resulting from business closures, for a period of 3 to a maximum of 9 months (with up to two extensions), your municipality will **pay the equivalent of your rent amount to your landlord.**



Those eligible

- Those within 2 years of leaving or closing their business.
- Those in danger of losing their residence due to a reduction in income from business closures.

Resumption of payment

- Those who have already received the benefit for the maximum period are eligible for a resumption of payment. (max 3 months.)
- The deadline for applications is **now extended until the end of March, 2023**
- As a special case for COVID-19, it is possible to receive both the housing security benefit and the vocational training benefit.
- The job-seeking requirements have been relaxed due to comprehensive emergency measures for crude oil prices and soaring commodity prices etc.

➡ The deadline for applications is **until the end of March, 2023**

*There are other individual requirements

For inquiries about applications contact the nearest independent consultation support organization.

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Frequent Inquiries

Q.What exactly counts as “Those in danger of losing their residence due to a reduction in income from business closures/losing their job”?

A. This is defined as people who have seen a reduction in income due to a drop in working hours/work opportunities due to reasons out of their control, and through no fault of their own. Some examples are as follows:

(Ex. 1) A gym instructor who previously worked 4-5 days a week is now working only 2-3 days a week due to partial closure of their workplace

(Ex. 2) A freelance interpreter who was planning to interpret at an event for guests visiting from overseas, with the event being cancelled due to a lockdown/self-quarantine request

(Ex. 3) Someone who previously worked two part-time jobs, but due to business closures etc. They lost their job at one of their workplaces

(Ex. 4) An Inn/Hotel owner who has had many cancellations due to self-quarantine requests.

The above examples are to be used as a general idea of who is applicable for this benefit, with local municipalities being asked to take a flexible approach towards applicants.



Q.How can I prove that I am in a situation in which I am in danger of losing my residence?

A. For employees, the primary way is confirming that their current hours or working days for their current shift are reduced from those stated on their contract.

For Sole Proprietors, documents showing reductions in operating hours/days or reductions/cancellations of orders for those working on a per-contract basis can be used.

Additionally, if you are a recipient of the Social Welfare Council special loan, you can use that as proof of a reduction in income.

There is also a petition form available for those who have had a reduction in income, but do not possess any of the above documents.

Q. I am a freelancer, and jobs/contracts have sharply decreased.
Am I eligible for this benefit?

A.Yes. Freelancers and the self-employed can, if they want to, continue to work freelance while covering living expenses by working a short-time or part-time job, and they are not required to quit or make any shift in employment status to receive the benefit.