

New York State's COVID-19 Rent Relief Program FAQ



What is the NYS COVID-19 Rent Relief Program?

The COVID-19 Rent Relief Program will provide eligible households with a one-time rental subsidy that will be sent directly to the household's landlord. Applicants will not need to repay this assistance. Payments start in August.

Who is eligible?

- Renter with primary residence in New York.
- Lived in a **rent burdened household** (more than 30% of gross income spent on rent) prior to **March 1, 2020**.
- Household income below **80% Area Median Income** before **March 1, 2020** and at the time of application.
 - Income includes insurance payments, payments made by family and friends, and PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance).
- Earned less income in any month between **April 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020** compared to the income earned before March 1, 2020.
- Household does not currently receive a housing subsidy that covers housing costs that exceed 30% of income.
- Mixed status families are eligible.
- NYCHA or Section 8 housing residents are NOT eligible.
- Check here for an [eligibility calculator](#).

How much will tenants receive?

Tenants will receive assistance for their increased rent burden during the pandemic months (April - July). The one time payment will pay enough so tenants return to their original rent burden % prior to March 1, 2020. This will **NOT** cover the full cost of rent.

How do I apply?

Online [HERE](#), or by [paper](#) in [Simplified Chinese](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#), [Haitian-Creole](#), [Bengali](#), and [Russian](#). Be prepared to have your employers verify your income, and have proof of ID (IDNYC and driver licences work!)

When is the deadline to apply?

Thursday, July 30, 6 PM EST.

Where can I get more information?

- For more information, please visit [this website](#), call 1-833-499-0318, or email covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov.

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