

Application COVID-19 Rent Relief Grant

The Victorian Government has established a rental assistance fund to provide Rent Relief Grants of up to \$1,500 to Victorians experiencing rental hardship due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The one-off grant is specifically for renters living in their primary residence to help them maintain safe, secure and stable accommodation. It is paid directly to the renter's agent, lessor or landlord to contribute to their rental payments, under their new rental agreement.

To be eligible for the grant you will need to:

- Have lost income as a result of the pandemic on or after 27 May 2021
- Have less than \$2,000 in savings (excluding superannuation)
- Have a single income of less than \$1,208.85 per week before tax, or \$1,813.46 per week before tax as a couple, aligning to an annual income limit of \$62,860 for singles and \$94,300 for couples
- Provide proof of a rent reduction agreement
- Be paying more than 30% of your income in rent

Your financial circumstances will also need to have been significantly affected by COVID-19 through loss of employment, working hours and/or pay reduced by 20% or more or, as a sole trader, had your business suspended or had your turnover reduced by 20% or more.

Check your eligibility

All questions marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

Do you have a rent reduction agreement?*

Yes No

Have your financial circumstances been significantly affected by COVID-19?*

Yes No

Is your income less than \$1,208.85 per week for a single or less than \$1,813.46 per week for a couple?*

Yes No

Do you have less than \$2,000 in cash or savings (excluding superannuation)?*

Yes No

Are you paying more than 30% of your income in rent?*

Yes No

Lodging this form

Email to: RentRelief@dffh.vic.gov.au

Post to:

COVID-19 Rent Relief Grant
Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
Level 21, 50 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne VIC 3000



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Fairness
and Housing

Applicant to complete

Property details

Please provide details relating to the property which you are renting.

1. Rental Address*

Address

Suburb

State

Post Code

2. Are any members of the household Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?*

- Aboriginal
- Torres Strait Islander
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- None of the above
- Prefer not to say

Record of negotiations for reduced rent or payment agreement

All applicants for rent relief must have a rent reduction agreement.

3. Previous weekly rent before agreement *

 \$

4. New weekly rent after agreement *

 \$

5. Month to month tenancy agreement*

- Yes No

(If you are on a month to month tenancy agreement please put end date of tenancy as end of the month, we will contact your landlord/real estate agent to confirm the tenancy is still current prior to processing your application)

6. Start date of tenancy*

 DD / MM / YYYY

7. End date of tenancy*

 DD / MM / YYYY

8. Start date of rent reduction agreement*

 DD / MM / YYYY

9. End date of rent reduction agreement*

 DD / MM / YYYY

Real Estate Agent/Landlord details

Please provide all contact details relating to the real estate agent or landlord responsible for your property. If you have a property manager or individual you normally deal directly with, please provide their contact details instead of a generic phone number or email for the business.

10. Name of property manager or landlord*

11. Business name of real estate agent or landlord*

12. Business address of real estate agent or landlord*

Address

Suburb

State

Post Code

13. Phone number of real estate agent or landlord*

Please enter a valid 10-digit phone number (include the area code for landlines)

14. Email address for real estate agent or landlord*

Renter details

Please provide full details of each person on the tenancy.

Please note you must include all individuals on the rental agreement. Members of the household not on the tenancy agreement do not need to be included.

Personal details: Renter 1

15. Full Name*

16. Date of birth*

17. Contact phone number*

Please enter a valid 10-digit phone number (include the area code for landlines)

18. Email*

19. Centrelink Customer Reference Number

(A Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) is 9 numbers and ends with a letter. For example: 123456789A)

- I authorise Services Australia (Centrelink) to provide the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, or their representative, with the results of the enquiries I have indicated on this form for the purposes of assessing eligibility for the rent relief grant.

20. Are you married to, in a de facto or registered relationship with another member of this household?*

- Yes No

If yes, please enter their name

Financial circumstances

21. How have your financial circumstances been impacted by COVID-19*

- Loss of employment (please answer questions 22–24)
- Working hours and/or wages reduced (please answer questions 25–30)
- Sole trader and have had your business suspended (please answer questions 22, 23 and 31)
- Sole trader experiencing a reduction in turnover (please answer questions 22, 23, 32 and 33)
- Not impacted by COVID-19 (please answer question 23)

22. What was your previous weekly income before tax (including any government benefits)?

23. What is your current weekly income before tax (including any government benefits)?

24. Please provide your last date of employment

25. On what date were your working hours or wages reduced?

26. What is your current pay cycle?

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Bi-monthly
- Other

27. How many hours per pay cycle were you working previously?

28. How many hours per pay cycle are you working now?

29. How much were you getting paid per cycle previously (before tax)?

30. How much are you getting paid per cycle now (before tax)?

31. What date was your business suspended?

32. What was your average weekly turnover previously?

33. What is your average weekly turnover now?

34. Total of all savings accounts in your name and jointly held (excluding any superannuation accounts)*

35. Are you currently receiving any other form of rental assistance?*

Yes No

If yes how much assistance are you receiving per week

Personal details: Renter 2

36. Full Name*

37. Date of birth*

38. Contact phone number*

Please enter a valid 10-digit phone number (include the area code for landlines)

39. Email*

40. Centrelink Customer Reference Number

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41. Are you married to, in a de facto or registered relationship with another member of this household?*

Yes No

If yes, please enter their name

Financial circumstances

42. How have your financial circumstances been impacted by COVID-19*

- Loss of employment (please answer questions 43–45)
- Working hours and/or wages reduced (please answer questions 46–51)
- Sole trader and have had your business suspended (please answer questions 43, 44 and 52)
- Sole trader experiencing a reduction in turnover (please answer questions 43, 44, 53 and 54)
- Not impacted by COVID-19 (please answer question 44)

43. What was your previous weekly income before tax (including any government benefits)?

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45. Please provide your last date of employment

46. On what date were your working hours or wages reduced?

47. What is your current pay cycle?

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Bi-monthly
- Other

48. How many hours per pay cycle were you working previously?

49. How many hours per pay cycle are you working now?

50. How much were you getting paid per cycle previously (before tax)?

51. How much are you getting paid per cycle now (before tax)?

52. What date was your business suspended?

53. What was your average weekly turnover previously?

54. What is your average weekly turnover now?

55. Total of all savings accounts in your name and jointly held (excluding any superannuation accounts)*

56. Are you currently receiving any other form of rental assistance?*

- Yes No

If yes how much assistance are you receiving per week

Personal details: Renter 3

57. Full Name*

58. Date of birth*

59. Contact phone number*

Please enter a valid 10-digit phone number (include the area code for landlines)

60. Email*

61. Centrelink Customer Reference Number

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62. Are you married to, in a de facto or registered relationship with another member of this household?*

- Yes No

If yes, please enter their name

Financial circumstances

63. How have your financial circumstances been impacted by COVID-19*

- Loss of employment (please answer questions 64–66)
- Working hours and/or wages reduced (please answer questions 67–72)
- Sole trader and have had your business suspended (please answer questions 64, 65 and 73)
- Sole trader experiencing a reduction in turnover (please answer questions 64, 65, 74 and 75)
- Not impacted by COVID-19 (please answer question 65)

64. What was your previous weekly income before tax (including any government benefits)?

65. What is your current weekly income before tax (including any government benefits)?

66. Please provide your last date of employment

67. On what date were your working hours or wages reduced?

68. What is your current pay cycle?

- Weekly
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- Monthly
- Bi-monthly
- Other

69. How many hours per pay cycle were you working previously?

70. How many hours per pay cycle are you working now?

71. How much were you getting paid per cycle previously (before tax)?

72. How much are you getting paid per cycle now (before tax)?

73. What date was your business suspended?

74. What was your average weekly turnover previously?

75. What is your average weekly turnover now?

76. Total of all savings accounts in your name and jointly held (excluding any superannuation accounts)*

77. Are you currently receiving any other form of rental assistance?*

Yes No

If yes how much assistance are you receiving per week

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Submit application

Before checking the box below, please read the following text:

1. I confirm that my household has provided accurate and true information on a reduced rent agreement, as evidenced by the attached statutory declaration
2. I acknowledge that the grant will be paid on behalf of the renter in my household to the estate agent or landlord nominated in this application
3. I understand that once I submit this application my real estate agent/landlord will receive a copy of this application and will be required to confirm the arrangements agreed upon between all parties
4. I confirm that I have consent of all other household members listed in the application (if applicable) to lodge this application on their behalf and share their information with the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
5. I understand that if there are any remaining unused grant funds on my rental account at the end of my tenancy, my agent or landlord is responsible for returning these remaining funds to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, and this amount must be agreed between the renter and agent or landlord before any remaining funds are returned.
6. I declare that to the best of my knowledge, all the information in this application is true and correct.

WARNING: If you wilfully give information that is untrue in this application, you may be liable to penalties under section 40 of the *Housing Act 1983* (Vic).

By signing a statutory declaration, you agree that the information in it is true. You can be charged with a criminal offence if the information is false. You can receive a fine of up to \$109,044.00, imprisonment for up to 5 years or both.

I confirm that I understand and acknowledge the conditions outlined above*

If we find an error or a discrepancy in your application, we will contact you when assessing your application.

Do all the renters on your application consent to being contacted for feedback and evaluation purposes?*

Yes No

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