

# COVID-19 Rent Relief Grants

## Round Two

### Questions and answers

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### What is the Rent Relief Grant?

The Victorian Government has established a rental assistance fund for people renting their home. The Victorian Government ran a similar program that finished early 2021.

The fund is available to Victorians who have lost income due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Victorians having difficulty paying their rent may be eligible for a grant of up to \$1,500.

### Who is eligible for the Rent Relief Grant?

To be eligible for the grant you will need to:

- agree to a rent reduction with your landlord and provide proof with a Statutory Declaration
- have a weekly income less than \$1,208.85 (as a single person) or \$1,813.46 (as a couple)
- be paying more than 30% of your income in rent to your landlord
- have less than \$2,000 in savings.

There are no citizenship or permanent residency requirements for applicants.

### How do I apply for a grant?

You can apply for a Rent Relief Grant online via <https://rentrelief.covid19.dhhs.vic.gov.au/>.

### What can the grant be used for?

If your grant has been approved, the payment will be made directly to your landlord as credit towards your rental debt or future rental agreement payments.

### Where can I find more information?

For the latest information on the COVID-19 Rent Relief Grants, visit <https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/help-renting/rentrelief>

If you need help from an interpreter with any of the above information call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) at 131 450.

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