

Rental Opportunity for Ontario Families



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Rental Opportunity for Ontario Families (ROOF) is Ontario's new \$185 million housing allowance program.

A "housing allowance" is a financial supplement given directly to a tenant to help pay the rent.



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HOW MUCH IS THE ROOF HOUSING ALLOWANCE?

Under ROOF, eligible families will receive \$100 per month, starting in January 2008.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER ROOF?

You may be eligible for the program if you:

- Work and have an earned income of at least \$5,000 and an Adjusted Family Net Income below \$20,000.
 - > Adjusted Family Net Income is the total adjusted net income of the applicant, plus the adjusted net income of any spouse or common-law partner.
 - > Adjusted net income is the amount from line 236 from your 2006 income tax return, minus your Universal Child Care Benefit.
- Have one or more dependant children under the age of 18.
- Are paying more than 30% of income towards rent.
- Have less than \$10,000 in liquid assets (e.g., cash, bank account, bonds or stocks).
- Are not receiving social assistance or any other rent subsidy.
- Are a resident of Ontario and meet program requirements for status in Canada.

HOW LONG DOES THE PROGRAM RUN?

ROOF is a five-year program. Eligible families will receive the housing allowance assistance for up to five years, starting in January 2008.

HOW CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

- You may sign up to receive an application or contact us for more information at www.Ontario.ca/ROOF, or by calling 1-888-544-5101 (TTY: 1-800-263-7776). Applications will be sent in late summer 2007.
- Applications will also be available at participating social service agencies in late summer 2007.
- First payments will be made to qualified applicants in January 2008.
- ROOF funding will provide assistance to approximately 27,000 families.

Rental Opportunity For Ontario Families Request for Application

YES, I want an application for the ROOF program.
Please send an application to me at the following address:

First name: _____ Middle initial: _____

Last name: _____

Signature: _____

(Note: Please fully complete and sign this form to receive an application.)

Address

Number and Street: _____

Apartment number: _____

City or Town: _____

Province: _____

Postal code: _____

Phone number: (_____) _____ (optional)
Area code

E-mail address: _____ (optional)

Please mail this form to:

**ROOF Program
P.O. Box 624
Oshawa, ON L1H 8H8**



By signing and mailing in this form, I agree as follows:

I confirm that I am the person to whom the personal information set out above relates. I acknowledge that personal information contained in this form is being collected by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ("MMAH"), or by the Ministry of Revenue ("MOR") on behalf of MMAH, for the purpose of section 4 of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.30. I understand that the information will be used by MMAH or MOR to forward to me an application form for MMAH's Rental Opportunity For Ontario Families Program and that the information may be disclosed as between MMAH and MOR. I consent to such collection, use and disclosure of the information.

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