

Conditions for housing allowance in 2020

Housing allowance is a form of compensation on high rents provided by the Dutch government to residents on a low income. If you are qualified for this kind of supplement you can make a request for the allowance to the '*Belastingdienst*', the Dutch tax administration.

You can apply for this benefit if:

- You have a legal residence status in The Netherlands.
- You are officially registered in the City Hall of the city where you are renting your accommodation.
- You have a valid BSN number (citizens services number from Dutch government).
- You are 18 years of age or older.
- You rent an independent accommodation: A home is regarded as independent, when it has an own entrance-door that you can lock from the inside / outside and meets the following conditions
 - a. Private living and/or bed room;
 - b. Private kitchen with sink, water supply and cooking;
 - c. Private toilet with water supply.
- Your savings and private assets may not exceed a value of EUR 30.846,-
- You are 23 years or older and the maximum (basic) rent is EUR 737,14.
- you are younger than 23 years old, the maximum (basic) rent is EUR 432,51
- You have a valid Dutch bank account.

To apply for housing allowance

You can apply for a benefit online on www.mijntoeslagen.nl.

To apply:

- You and your landlord have a signed rental contract
- You have a BSN number
- You have a DigiD (short for Digital Identification)

DigiD is a form of online ID that allows you to access many services and government websites in the Netherlands. The DigiD consists of a username and password that are linked to your personal public service number (BSN).

If you do not have a DigiD yet and want to apply for an account, you can use the application form: <https://www.digid.nl/en/apply-or-activate-digid/>.

The 'Mijn toeslagen' section is only available in Dutch.

If you need assistant, you can call the **Tax Information Line**.

Free calls from the Netherlands): 0800 - 0143.

Calling from abroad: + 31 45 574 30 31

Monday through Friday from 8.00 to 17.00 hours.

Go to the website: www.toeslagen.nl and choose 'Toeslag aanvragen, wijzigen of uw gegevens bekijken' 'Inloggen op Mijn toeslagen'

Choose the button: 'DigID mijn toeslagen. Inloggen met DigID'

Click on 'ik wil huurtoeslag aanvragen'.

Fill in the date when the housing allowance must start.

Mijn toeslagen Actuele berekening Mijn beschikkingen Uitbetaald Statusoverzicht Mijn huishouden

Ik wil huurtoeslag aanvragen

Om huurtoeslag te krijgen, moet u aan een aantal voorwaarden voldoen.

Kijk hiervoor op [toeslagen.nl](https://www.toeslagen.nl) (opent in nieuw venster).

Vanaf welke datum wilt u dat de huurtoeslag ingaat?

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Confirm with 'ja' if the address shown is correct.

Check all details and if they are correct, click on 'akkoord' and confirm your request

Keep in mind that the housing allowance is an allowance payment in advance. Based on your annual year income the tax office will make a final calculation at the end of the calendar year.

If your financial situation changes, you are moving to another address or you are planning to leave The Netherlands, you have to adapt your data via www.mijntoeslagen.nl to prevent a repayment.