

Why rent benefit?

Rent benefit is a contribution to help cover the costs of renting; it is also known as housing benefit.

To be entitled to receive rent benefit, certain requirements are set for the



tenant



dwelling

Sample calculation

We can demonstrate the amount of rent benefit an 'average' student can receive on the basis of a sample calculation:

Age of tenant	Between 18 and 23
Gross income	€ 4000 p/y
Calculation rent*	€ 403 p/m
Assets	< € 24,437
Rent benefit p/m	€171

*rent used as the basis for this calculation

We are happy to explain rent benefit to tenants, but no rights can be derived from this explanation. For the full details relating to rent benefit, please see the information under 'Benefits' on www.belastingdienst.nl.

For whom is the rent subsidy intended?

Requirements set for the tenant



18

18 years of age or older



Maximum



Dutch nationality, or citizenship of the European Union, or Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, or a valid residence permit



Requirements set for the dwelling



Self-contained accommodation



Address in the Netherlands



Rental contract



Maximum

To be eligible for a rent allowance depends on:

- your rent
- age
- household composition

The maximum is also influenced by whether you live alone or together.

As of 1 January 2020, there are no longer any income limits. Your rent may not exceed €737.14 in 2020. Are all residents under 23 years of age? Then the rent may not exceed €432.51, unless you already have a child living with you. In that case, the rent may still be €737.14.

Self-contained accommodation?

Accommodation is considered to be self-contained if the following four criteria are satisfied or if the complex that it belongs to has been designated as a student complex.



1. Own access door(s)

Lockable from the inside and outside.



2. Own living room/ bed-sitting room



3. Own kitchen

With water connections and cooking facilities



4. Own toilet

With flush

Rental contract

For rent benefit, a maximum applies regarding the calculation rent that you pay. The maximum calculation rent is dependent on the age of the tenant.

The calculation rent comprises:

- Basic rent and
- Service costs

Service charges are divided into four categories. A maximum of €12 per month applies for each category:

- Cleaning
- Energy costs
- Caretaker costs
- Costs for service room and recreation space

		Maximum number of (2020)
Capital (e.g. savings)	Live alone	€ 30.846
	Cohabiting	€ 61.692

Do you have a child living at home with assets under the age of 18? That amount will then count towards your assets.

	18<23 years	=>23 years
Max. Calc. Rent	€ 432,51	€ 737,14

Make a **test calculation**. You fill in your situation and see if you get a surcharge. And how much.