Rent Allowance

Rent payment
The rent benefit will not be deducted from your rent. You pay the full rent amount to SSH. If you are eligible, you receive the rent benefit separately from the Dutch Tax office.

Terms and conditions
A number of factors will affect your qualification for rent allowance, including the rental amount, your current taxable income, your household make-up and any assets you may have. In order to apply for rent allowance you need a ‘BSN (burgerservicenummer)’. The BSN is a Dutch personal identification number also known as the Citizen Service Number. In order to get a BSN, you need to register yourself with the ‘Gemeente’ (Dutch Municipality, at the local town hall) or the ‘Belastingdienst’ (Dutch tax administration).

Digital Identification (DigiD)
In order to apply for rent allowance, you need a DigiD.

If you do not already have a DigiD, you can request one here: www.digid.nl. Within five days you will receive an activation code in the mail. Please make sure to activate your DigiD account in time. After you receive the activation code, you have to activate your account within 21 days.

Changes
You need to inform the ‘Belastingdienst’ as soon as your living situation changes. Such may include changes to household make-up, income or address. Also inform the Belastingdienst when you sublease your accommodation.

Application: step by step
Go to www.toeslagen.nl, and click on ‘Inloggen op Mijn toeslagen’ (on the right side of the website)

- Click on the DigiD button ‘Mijn toeslagen > inloggen’
- Log in with your DigiD username and password
- Click on ‘Huurtoeslag Aanvragen >’ (see print screen below)
- Fill in your first rental day (ddmmyyyy), and answer the following questions:
  - Are you married on this date: Ja (Yes) / Nee (No)
  - Do you live alone on this date?
  - Do you want to apply for housing allowance for the address which is known at this moment at the municipality and where you are registered now. In case you registered already at your new address, choose ‘Ja’.
    - In case the Belastingdienst has no account number (IBAN) from you, please fill in the IBAN and name bank account holder (this must be your bank account).
- Click on ‘Volgende’ (continue)
- A screen with the title ‘Introductie’ appears, click on ‘volgende’.
- Check if the date is correct: (this is the first date of your rental agreement)
- Do you have a partner?
- Do you have roommates that are under the age of 18?
- Click on “Akkoord” to go to the next Page

- Fill in the year which you use to inform the Belastingdienst about your income.
- Use the button “Rekenhulp toestingsinkomen” to calculate your income.
- Fill in the amount what you get from the “Rekenhulp toestingsinkomen”.

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In the following screens you will find the walk-through of the “Rekenhulp toetsingsinkomen”.

- Fill in the year you want to use for the calculation
- Do you have a financial partner?
- Do you have room mates who can receive also housing allowance?
- Fill in the amount or click on “Bereken toetsingsinkomen” and fill in the amount after you completed the steps.

In case you click on “Bereken toetsingsinkomen” the next screen will appear.
- Did you do an income tax return in 2016 or in the year before?
- How many kinds of income do you have? Fill in all different kinds, e.g. salary, benefits, pension
- Calculate how much your income over the whole year will be.
- Finally the result of your income “toetsingsinkomen” over 2017 will appear below.
- Click on “Ok” to continue and you will go back to the previous screen.
- Check if the start date of your housing contract is the same as the first field “Ingangsdatum”.
- Fill in the “kale huurprijs” per month. See your contract for the right amount.
- Fill in the “servicekosten”. In case not listed in the agreement or when it’s a negative amount, fill in € 0,00. In case of a negative amount, deduct this amount from another service cost item.
- We do not have a “woonwagenstandplaats” so please fill in € 0.

- Check if your bank account number (IBAN) is correct and the name is the same as it is written on your bank card.
- Check if all data is correct in the overview.
- Click on “Akkoord” to go to the next screen.
Check your name and your BSN number

Click on “Ondertekenen en verzenden” to go to the final page

You can save and print your overview by clicking on “Overzicht opslaan en afdrukken” or click on “Afsluiten” to close the programme.

Congratulations you have now applied for Housing Allowance! You will receive an email from the Belastingdienst (Tax Office) within a few weeks.