Rent Allowance

Applying for rent allowance may save you a lot of money, but it comes with many terms and conditions and the application process may seem a daunting task. If you decide to apply for rent allowance, please read the information below carefully and follow our step-by-step guide.

Rent payment
Please note that the rent benefit will not be deducted from your rent. You will still have to pay the full amount of rent to your housing corporation. If you are eligible, you will receive the rent benefit separately in your bank account from the Dutch Tax office.

Eligibility criteria
A number of factors will affect your eligibility for rent allowance, including your age, the amount of rent you pay, your current taxable income, the make-up of your household, 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 have a Dutch address and register yourself with the ‘Gemeente’ (Dutch Municipality, at your local city hall office) or the ‘Belastingdienst’ (Dutch Tax office).

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 changes may include household make-up, income or address. The Belastingdienst should also be informed 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 screen shot below)

- Fill in your first rental day (ddmmyyyy) This date should always be the 1st of the month
  • Rent allowance always starts on the 1st of the month. Have you just moved? Then you will receive rent allowance from the moment that you are registered at the municipality. For example: are you registered from the 15th of May? Then your rent allowance will start from the 1st of June.
- Answer the following question:
  • Do you want to apply for housing allowance for the address where you are currently registered at the municipality? Choose ‘Ja’.
- Check if the date is correct: (this is the first date of your rental agreement)
- If the Belastingdienst (Dutch Tax Authorities) do not yet have data on your annual income, you can use the button “Rekenhulp toetsingsinkomen” to calculate this. Fill in the amount that you get from the “Rekenhulp toetsingsinkomen”.
- Fill in the “kale huurprijs” (base rent) per month. See your contract for the right amount.
- Fill in the “servicekosten” (service costs). If these costs are not mentioned in the rental agreement or when it is a negative amount, fill in € 0,00. In case of a negative amount, deduct this amount from another service cost item. The service costs exist of:
  - Energy costs for common areas
  - Cleaning costs for common areas
  - Caretaker costs
  - Costs for service and recreational spaces
- We do not have a “woonwagenstandplaats” so please fill in € 0.
- Click on “Ga verder” (proceed)
Overview

Check if all data is correct in the overview.

Click on “Akkoord 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 mail from the Belastingdienst within a few weeks.