

Long-Term Care Rate Reduction for Accommodation Costs

At a long-term care home, the government pays for nursing and personal care, but the resident must pay accommodation costs. All long-term care homes charge the same amount, with fees set by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Sometimes, individuals are not able to cover the accommodation costs.

This fact sheet identifies the process individuals must use to submit an application for a reduction in rates.

Who is eligible to apply for a reduction in long-term care accommodation fees?

Individuals who are eligible to apply for long-term care accommodation and have requested a basic (or standard) type of lodging may apply for a reduction in accommodation fees. Individuals paying preferred accommodation (semi-private or private) are not eligible to apply.

What is the process to apply?

Whether you are applying for the first time or re-applying, the process is the same. You will need access to information about all your sources of income and complete one of four main application forms. You may need to complete additional forms if you are asking to keep income to support a dependent.

Your forms must be submitted to the long-term care home where you are applying for the rate reduction and this is generally done as part of the admission process.

Staff at the long-term care home will assist in the completion of the application. In addition, they will assist you with the re-application process, required on an annual basis.

Where do I find out more information?

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website provides more detailed information on the Rate Reduction Process. For more information please visit: www.ontario.ca/page/get-help-paying-long-term-care

Please let your Care Coordinator know if you require a printed copy.

How do I find out more information?

If you need help or have any questions, you can speak to the staff at your long-term care home. They can help you fill out the form(s). If you still have questions, please call the **Long-Term Care Action Line at 1-866-434-0144**.

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