

Rent Allowance

Rent allowance is a compensation for rental costs which is paid out by the government.

You are eligible if:

- You are 18 years or older
- You signed a rental contract
- You are renting an independent living space (own front door, kitchen and toilet)
- Rent cannot be too high
- You pay your rent yourself
- You are Dutch, or you have a valid residence permit
- Income/financial assets you have cannot be too high

If you are between 18 and 23 years old

- The cold rent + service costs for cleaning + energy of common rooms, housemaster costs, and costs for recreational spaces cannot be higher than €442.46 per month
- Income cannot be too high, this will be determined per case. They will check your rent, your age, and your living situation.
- Financial assets should be max €31,747.

If you are between 23 and 65 years old

- The cold rent + service costs for cleaning + energy of common rooms, housemaster costs, and costs for recreational spaces cannot be higher than €763.47 per month
- Income cannot be too high, this will be determined per case. They will check your rent, your age, and your living situation.
- Financial assets should be max €31,747.

You need:

- Invoice from Villex
- DigiD
- Burgerservicenummer (BSN)

Which steps do you need to take:

1. Go to mijntoeslagen.nl and log in using your DigiD. If you don't have a DigiD yet, you can apply for one here: <https://www.digid.nl/en/apply-or-activate-digid/>
2. Click on 'Huurtoeslag' (Rent Allowance) or on 'Mijn Toeslagen' (My Allowances) and click on 'naar aanvraag' (to request).
3. Fill in the date on which you started living in your room. You can apply for allowance from that date on. For example, if you started living in your room on August 1st, you can fill in this date.
4. Confirm the address for which you want to apply for rent allowance.
5. Calculate your income using the tool (blue box) for the year 2022 and fill it in.
6. Click 'volgende' (next) and get your invoice in front of you for the next step.
7. 'Kale huur' (cold rent) is the amount you see on the top of the invoice where it says e.g. 'rent September'. You can fill in this amount. Make sure to use commas.

8. 'Energiekosten voor gemeenschappelijke ruimten per maand' are the energy costs for common areas per month. However, this point is not included in the invoice, so you can fill in a '0' here.
9. 'Schoonmaakkosten voor gemeenschappelijke ruimten per maand' are the cleaning costs for common areas per month. This is on your invoice, you can fill in this amount.
10. 'Huismeesterkosten per maand' are the housemaster costs. On your invoice, this is called 'advance caretaker', so you can fill in this amount.
11. 'Kosten voor dienst- en recreatieruimten per maand' are costs for service and recreational spaces per month. This is also not on your invoice, so you fill in a '0' here.
12. The last post is for people who are living in a trailer in a trailer park. This does not apply to you, so you can fill in a '0' here again.
13. Click 'volgende' (next) and write down the bank account number of the account on which you want to receive the money. Also write down the name, this needs to be the name that is on your bank card. This name needs to be the same name as on the invoice.
14. Click 'volgende' (next) and check if all the information is filled in correctly.
15. You now get an overview of everything. If you are sure all the information is correct, click 'Akkoord end verzenden' (agree and send) to send your application.
16. It will now show a box in which they explain that they received the request and that they are processing it. It will take some time to process, but you can always check the status on mijntoeslagen.nl

Extra information:

- You can apply for a benefit for 2022 until 1 September 2023.
- Make sure to go to mijntoeslagen.nl again when anything changes. If you don't do this, you can risk having to pay back money at the end of the year.
- You will receive the money on the 20th of the next month. If you apply in September you will get the money on the 20th of October. The first time you will get more money, because you get everything of all the months that you have been living there at once.
- Sometimes someone else is still registered on your address and therefore you can't apply for rent allowance. In this case, you should call the *belastingdienst* to let them know that this person is not living there anymore. After that you should then be able to apply for rent allowance.