

For student housing benefit ... go to www.caf.fr

You may be eligible for housing benefit if...

- You are renting, co-habiting or sub-letting,
 - You are living in an apartment, a university residence, a hostel, a furnished flat, a hotel, a room in a private home,
 - Your accommodation is well-maintained and a minimum size of 9 m² (single) or 16 m² (double)
- ➔ Go to www.caf.fr, you can estimate the amount of help you'll need and apply online.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- The amount of housing benefit awarded depends on your taxable income in France or abroad (for claims up to December 2013, your 2011 income is assessed), on the type of your accommodation and the amount of rent paid (monthly or termly).
- If you had very little or no income, your benefit is calculated on a flat-rate basis depending on your situation.
- Only means-tested grants and Erasmus grants are non-taxable.
- You can claim housing benefit the month after you satisfy all the criteria for applying. If you apply late, your claim will not be backdated.

Examples :

- You move into the accommodation in January, you claim housing benefit in January.
 - ➔ Your claim begins from February. Housing benefit is always paid at the end of the rental term, i.e. the beginning of the month after your claim is accepted. February's rent allowance is paid at the beginning of March, for example.
- You move into the accommodation in January, you claim housing benefit in June.
 - ➔ Your claim begins from June. Housing benefit is always paid at the end of the rental term, i.e. the beginning of the month after your claim is accepted. June's rent allowance is paid at the beginning of July, for example.

You must make your claim as soon as possible to avoid losing several months benefit.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.caf.fr. These are date stamped so that your claim will be processed correctly.

DOCUMENTS

When you download your form, the final page contains your Internet application number and the list of documents you will need to show to the CAF. The certificate of rent payment from the owner or landlord is important and obligatory. If you are claiming for the first time, you must send a paper copy of your online application to the CAF, dated and signed.

CHANGES IN YOUR SITUATION

If you change accommodation, start a new job, move in with your partner, etc., you must immediately inform the CAF. If you forget to do this quickly, you will have to pay back benefit that was wrongly paid to you.

HELP DAYS FOR THE 2012 ACADEMIC YEAR

Special "student accommodation help days" offering advice on making a claim and free Internet access are organised with our partners on the main Parisian student sites (CROUS, CIUP, Universities, Grandes Ecoles).

Instructions for applying for housing benefit online

Go to www.caf.fr



Click on the heading "Les services en ligne"

Click on the heading "Accéder à une demande en ligne".



In the block "Vous n'êtes pas allocataire [you are not a claimant]" click on "Demande d'aide au lodgement [apply for housing benefit]"

Accueil > Aides et services > Les services en ligne > Accéder à une demande en ligne > Demander l'aide au logement

Eligibilité Engagement Saisie Fin

Demande d'aide au logement pour votre résidence principale

* Vous êtes locataire et vous payez un loyer : Oui Non

* Vous résidez en foyer et vous payez un loyer : Oui Non

Si oui, vous êtes étudiant : Oui Non

* Vous accédez à la propriété et remboursez un prêt pour une acquisition, une construction ou une location-accession : Oui Non

Si oui, il s'agit d'un prêt : Initial Renégocié ou réaménagé

* Date d'entrée dans les lieux :

Exemple : Pour le 17 Juin 1985, veuillez saisir 17/06/1985

After this screen, just follow the instructions!

If you are a tenant and paying rent (except for Cité universitaire or hostels) tick YES in the appropriate box and reply NO to the other questions. Give the date that you first entered the accommodation and press "Continuez".

You will not be able to reply to the question asking if you are a student or not, but this is normal and you will be asked this question later.

If you are staying in a hostel or the Cité universitaire and paying a rent, tick YES in the appropriate box and reply NO to the other questions. You should also say whether you are a student or not. To continue, press "continuez".

You will be directed to the "terms and conditions" page, which you must read before continuing.

ADVICE FOR ONLINE APPLICATIONS

ETAT CIVIL [PERSONAL DATA]

You must put your first name in the appropriate box and any other names in the box "liste des prenomms [list of names]". If you only have one first name, you must still write it in the box "liste des prenomms".

NUMERO DE SECURITE SOCIALE [SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER]

You must write your definitive French social security number, which begins by the number 1 for men and 2 for women. If you do not have one, the system automatically creates a number from the first five figures of the social security number, so do not change this.

SITUATION FAMILIALE [MARITAL STATUS]

If you are single and have never lived as a couple, in reply to the question "depuis quand [since when]?" by putting in your date of birth.

PERSONNES VIVANT AU FOYER [PEOPLE LIVING WITH YOU]

You need to state how many people live with you, without counting yourself or your partner/spouse. If you share a flat, do not put your room-mate(s). So if you live alone or share just with your partner or just with room-mates, put 0. People living in your home are children or lodgers.

SITUATION PROFESSIONNELLE [EMPLOYMENT STATUS]

Click on the employment status that corresponds to you. If you are a student in employment, or a trainee or apprentice, tick the appropriate box. If you are a student not in employment, tick the box "etudiant sans activite professionnelle ou boursier".

COMPTE BANCAIRE [BANK ACCOUNT]

You need to give the IBAN and BIC numbers. Your account must be held in France.

RESSOURCES ANNUELLES POUR L'ANNEE 2011 [ANNUAL INCOME FOR 2011]

You must declare all income received in 2011 for all members of your home, both in France and abroad. Declare in Euros. If you had no income, reply 'no'.

NATURE DU LOGEMENT [TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION]

For the residence CROUS and the Cité Universitaire, choose your residence from the drop down list.

Once you have completed the online application, you need to send the CAF printed copies of the supporting documents asked for. In all cases, you need to send us the rent payment certificate completed by the property owner.

If this is your first housing benefit application, you also need to print out the online application and send a hard copy to the CAF offices, dated and signed

For more information:

www.caf.fr > Accès direct > Etudiants
0 810 25 75 10 (cost of a local call from a landline)