



How to Apply for RAFT

What is RAFT?

The Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program helps homeless families or families at risk of becoming homeless by providing up to \$7,000 to keep current housing or move to new housing

What can RAFT pay for?

- 1 overdue rent or mortgage
- 2 overdue utilities
- 3 moving-related expenses (first/last month's rent, security, moving trucks, and/or furniture)

RAFT payments will go to the landlord, utility provider, mortgage servicer, or other vendor.

Who is eligible?

- Massachusetts residents at risk of homelessness or housing instability due to potential eviction, loss of utilities, and other housing emergencies. *Immigration status is not considered for RAFT applications*
- Income at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI)*, or 60% of AMI for households who are at risk of domestic violence

*Check AMI for your city/town here:
<https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/raa.aspx>

To check if you are eligible for RAFT visit: www.mass.gov/info-details/how-to-apply-for-raft

How to apply for RAFT

Apply for RAFT online here:
<https://applyhousinghelp.mass.gov/>

Before starting your application, make sure you have the following documents ready to upload:

- ID for head of household
- Proof of current housing (example: your current lease or rental agreement)
- Proof of eligible housing crisis and overdue payments (examples: a Notice to Quit from your landlord; eviction notice; mortgage statement showing three months behind; or documents showing you cannot stay in your home due to health, safety, or other reasons)
- Proof of income if you are not getting certain DTA or MassHealth programs (examples: paystubs, benefit letters)
- Landlord/property owner contact information. The landlord/property owner will need to complete an application too.

For more information on how to apply visit: www.mass.gov/info-details/how-to-apply-for-raft

For additional help:

Dial 211 for information about programs in your area or visit Mass211.org

If you are eligible for EA Emergency Family Shelter, talk with your case manager about HomeBASE.
www.mass.gov/info-details/homebase

