

A photograph of a smiling man with glasses and a grey shirt, standing in a well-lit living room. In the background, there is a patterned sofa, a wooden coffee table, a floor lamp, and a dog lying on a rug. Large windows with blinds are visible behind the sofa.

**Find**  
*Freedom*  
**in your**  
**home.**

**The Healthy Homes  
Renovation Tax Credit can help.**

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## A strong plan for healthy seniors

As a senior 65 years or older in Ontario, you could qualify for a tax credit to help with the cost of making your home safer and more accessible.

Ontario's Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit can help provide the freedom, confidence and independence to make your home a more comfortable place for years to come.

### About the credit

The Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit is a permanent, refundable personal income tax credit for seniors and family members who live with them. If you qualify, you can claim up to \$10,000 worth of eligible home modifications on your tax return.

The amount of money you get back for these expenses is calculated as 15 per cent of the eligible expenses you claim. For example, if you spend and then claim \$10,000 worth of eligible expenses, you could get \$1,500 back.

### Do I qualify?

To qualify for the credit, you have to be:

- 65 years old or older by the end of the year for which you are claiming the credit; or
- living with a family member who is a senior

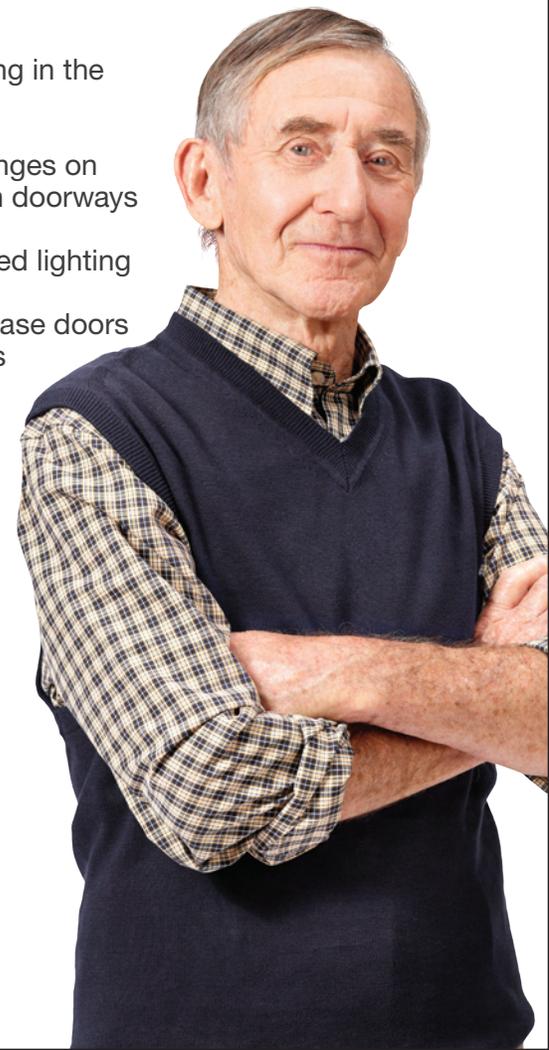
Your income doesn't matter — seniors and their family members at all income levels are eligible.

## Eligible expenses

Before you start any modifications, check to see that the work qualifies so you can claim the expense.

Some examples of work that qualifies:

- Walk-in bathtubs
- Wheel-in showers
- Widening passage doors
- Lowering existing counters/cupboards
- Certain renovations to permit a first-floor occupancy or secondary suite for a senior
- Grab bars around the toilet, tub and shower
- Handrails in corridors
- Wheelchair ramps, stair/wheelchair lifts and elevators
- Non-slip flooring in the bathroom
- Swing-clear hinges on doors to widen doorways
- Motion-activated lighting
- Touch-and-release doors and cupboards
- Door locks that are easy to operate



## Expenses that don't qualify

Renovations or repairs that simply improve the value of a home don't qualify, such as:

- Plumbing or electrical work
- Repairs to a roof
- Installing new windows
- Heating or air conditioning system

Devices do not qualify, such as:

- Equipment for home medical monitoring
- Equipment for home safety monitoring
- Wheelchairs
- Walkers
- Side-swing ovens and appliances with front-loaded controls
- Fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors

No services are eligible, including landscaping, housekeeping and home care.



## Other tax credit programs

You may be eligible for assistance through other programs that help people stay in their homes. Visit [ontario.ca/healthyhomes](http://ontario.ca/healthyhomes) for more information.

## How do I get the credit?

You have to claim your total expenses on your personal income tax return.

**For the 2012 tax year:** you can claim expenses related to work billed for between October 1, 2011 and December 31, 2012.

**For tax years 2013 and after:** each year, you can claim expenses related to work you were billed for in that year.

Save your receipts for any modifications you make. You do not have to submit them with your tax return. But you should keep them in case the Canada Revenue Agency asks you to verify your expenses.

## Learn more

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