

## LIHEAP Eligibility Overview

The Seasonal Fuel Assistance Program helps low-income Vermonters pay a portion of their home heating bill. Assistance is for homeowners, renters who pay for heat, or renters who have heat included in their rent.

The seasonal fuel program currently assists approximately 20,000 Vermonters. Households that utilize wood or pellets as their primary source of heat receive their benefit on an EBT card. Benefits for households that heat with oil, kerosene, propane, coal, gas, or electricity, are sent directly to the household's fuel dealer.

Applications are accepted year-round. Benefits for oil, kerosene, propane, coal, gas, or electricity are sent to certified fuel dealers in November (or when eligibility is approved if after November). Benefits for wood and pellets are provided on the clients EBT card in September, with the exception of the current year when wood benefits were provided in late spring.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Must have a heating liability.
- Income of 185% or less of the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) for household size

Household Size	185% FPL (monthly gross income)
1	\$2,096
2	\$2,823
3	\$3,550
4	\$4,279
5	\$5,006
6	\$5,733
7	\$6,462
8	\$7,189
9	\$7,916
10	\$8,643

### Benefit Calculation is based on:

- Household Income
- Primary Fuel type
- Type of Home (single family or multi family)
- Number of bedrooms

The minimum benefit in current heating season is \$164

*\*1 bedroom unit in multi-family building heating with Natural Gas with income at 185% FPL*

The maximum benefit in current heating season is \$2,703

*\*4+ bedroom single family home heating with Oil at 0% FPL*