

Live-in Aide

Civida supports tenants who wish to live at home independently with assistance.

The Social Housing Accommodation Regulation allows for a live-in aide to live with a tenant in Community Housing to provide services or assistance to enable other members of the household to be functionally independent.

Who is a Live-in Aide?

Civida defines a live-in aide as an individual who lives with a tenant in order to help them in their day-to-day life. Live-in Aides may be family members (e.g.: parent, child, sibling, or spouse), but they must not be obligated to support the tenant and would not be living in the unit except to provide the necessary supportive services.

The live-in aide must be financially compensated by the tenant or on-behalf of the tenant, and their labour must be for at least five hours a day. A live-in aide must be approved by Civida before they move into a tenant's home.

Live-in Aide Application

Applicants and tenants who require a live-in aide must complete the required documentation.

The application form must include documentation demonstrating that the care is essential. The verification may be completed by one of the following:

- A medical doctor
- A psychiatrist
- A non-medical agency that works with people with disabilities

The live-in aide must be required for more than 90 days to be approved. A live-in aide will be checked against the Alberta Justice and Solicitor General's High-Risk Offender List.

Approval of Live-in Aide

If approved, the income of an approved live-in aide will be excluded from total annual income for the household. The live-in aide will be added as an occupant only to the tenant file. The live-in aide is not considered a tenant under the *Residential Tenancies Act* and has not right to continue living in the unit if the tenant moves out.

The rent of a live-in aide is set to \$150/month. This amount cannot be changes.