

# Employment Incentive Scheme

Starting a new job or working more hours can increase your household income. This means your rent with the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities may increase. The Employment Incentive Scheme helps you keep on top of your rent increase in three stages.

## Am I eligible for the scheme?

You can access the scheme if a household member returns to work or increases their work hours.

To be eligible for the scheme a household member must earn a minimum wage of \$200 per week, before tax.

You can only access the scheme once within 12 months.

You are not eligible for the scheme if the change in household income is because:

- A person who already has a job joins the household
- An existing household member who already has a job turns 18.

## How does the scheme work?

Households that are eligible for the scheme receive a fixed term tenancy agreement. This agreement starts from the date the change occurred and lasts up to 12 months.

The scheme has three stages during a 12 month period. The stages are:

### Stage one

For the first three (3) months your rent will remain at the same amount you were charged before the change.

### Stage two

For the next three (3) months your rental rebate is calculated based on the increased household income.

### Stage three

The last stage continues for the remaining six (6) months.

Households eligible for public housing will continue to receive a rental rebate.

Households who are no longer eligible for public housing will be charged full rent or 30% of income, whichever is lesser.

## Where can I find more information?

Contact your local Housing office or visit [tfhc.nt.gov.au](https://tfhc.nt.gov.au).

Greater Darwin	(08) 8999 8814
Arnhem	(08) 8987 0533
Central Australia	(08) 8951 5344
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