

Reasons for Decision:

Order # AP1920-0537

On <date removed>, <name removed> filed an appeal of the Director's decision to deny their Rent Assist under *The Manitoba Assistance Act effective May 1, 2019*. The date of the decision was <date removed>.

<name removed> was accompanied at the hearing by <name removed>.

At the hearing, <name removed> told the Board that their lease began on <date removed>. As they and their spouse have been unemployed since <date removed> the back dated rent assist benefit would be of assistance.

<name removed> indicated that they applied for the benefit in <date removed> after learning about it from a friend. The appellant did not know of the benefit when their lease began. When they applied in <month removed>, their application was missing the child tax benefit details. This information was provided to the Department in <month removed>.

The Department indicated that the rent assist benefit is provided starting the first day of the month when the complete package is received. The Department does not provide back dated benefits. <name removed>'s complete package was received in <date removed> and they were approved for the benefit for a one year period starting <date removed>.

After careful consideration of the written and verbal evidence submitted to it, the Board determines that the Department assessed <name removed>'s application correctly according to the legislation and regulations, and that there is no provision in the legislation for discretion. The Board confirms the Director's decision to deny the Rent Assist subsidy effective <date removed>.

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