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(HEAP) provides money to help income eligible homeowners and renters pay heating costs. In addition, customers approved for HEAP also receive a discounted rate for their gas service.

## Who is eligible?

Qualifications for the HEAP program have recently changed. The amount of help you may receive from HEAP is based on your household size, income, and energy costs. You may still apply for HEAP even if heat is part of your rent.

Additional information about the HEAP program – including eligibility requirements – can be obtained at [mainehousing.org](http://mainehousing.org) or from one of the following community action agencies:

**Community Concepts, Inc.** (207) 795-4065 or (800) 866-5588  
Androscoggin & Oxford County Residents

**The Opportunity Alliance** (207) 553-5900 or (800) 698-4959  
(formerly People's Regional Opportunity Program)  
Cumberland County Residents

**York County Community Action Corp.**  
(207) 324-5762 or (800) 965-5762  
York County Residents



# How Do You Enroll in HEAP?

To expedite your application, be prepared to provide the following:

- Names and social security numbers of all people living in your household.
- Proof of gross household income for the last 3 or 12 months (wages, social security, unemployment, pension, and disability payments are all considered to be income).
- Proof of present address (for example, a rent receipt, lease, deed, or property tax bill).
- Recent copies of your energy and utility bills.

## Discount Rate

Once Unitil receives confirmation from MaineHousing that your application for HEAP is approved, you will receive a 30% discount for your gas service. The discounted rate is not retroactive, but is effective for the next 12 months and will make future bills more affordable.

### 2019-2020 Eligibility Guidelines\*

Household Size	Annual Income
1	\$26,612
2	\$34,800
3	\$42,988
4	\$51,176
5	\$59,364
6	\$67,552

If your household is larger than six people, please contact your local community action agency or visit [mainehousing.org](http://mainehousing.org) for additional eligibility guidelines.

*\*There are many adjustments to your income made through the application process. Apply even if you over income limits.*

