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

Who is eligible?

LIHEAP, and related assistance, generally is available to low-income households with incomes up to 150% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG) or 60% of the state area median income, whichever is less. However, depending on individual circumstances, other households may qualify for the program.

Eligibility for households with incomes between 150% and 175% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG) is limited to those households with a member who is susceptible to hypothermia, such as elderly, a child under the age of two, or with a doctor's diagnosis.

Additional information about the LIHEAP program – including eligibility requirements – can be obtained at 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 LIHEAP?

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 LIHEAP 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.

2018 Eligibility Guidelines

Household Size	Annual Income (150% FPG)	Annual Income (175% FPG)
1	\$18,210	\$20,638
2	\$24,690	\$27,982
3	\$31,170	\$35,326
4	\$37,650	\$42,670
5	\$44,130	\$50,014
6	\$50,610	\$57,358

If your household is larger than six people, please contact your local community action agency or visit www.mainehousing.org for additional eligibility guidelines.

