



# Canada HomeShare

by NICE

# Agenda

- What is NICE
- The History of Canada HomeShare
- Program Information
- The Canada HomeShare Process
- FAQ
- Contact information



# Canada HomeShare & NICE

Canada HomeShare is an intergenerational housing solution by the National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly (NICE). We work to match older adult home providers with students to create mutually beneficial living solutions.

NICE is a non-profit organization made up of researchers and practitioners that want to use research to improve the lives of older adults.



[HTTPS://WWW.NICENET.CA/](https://www.nicenet.ca/)

**MILLIONS OF BEDROOMS  
SIT EMPTY**

**OLDER ADULTS  
OVER-HOUSED**

**STUDENTS  
UNDER-HOUSED**

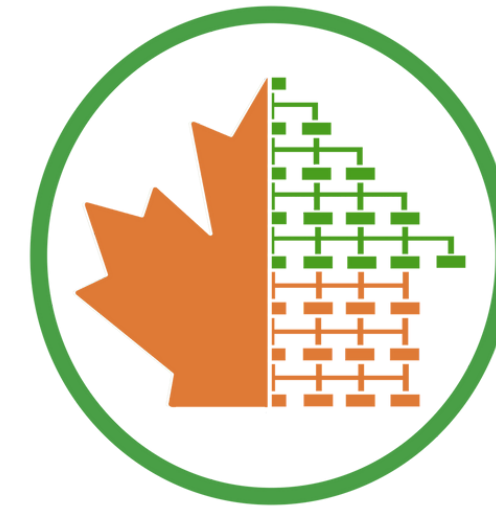
**CANADA HOMESHARE =  
RIGHT-HOUSING**

Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2017



# From Municipal Pilot

# To National Expansion



**CANADA  
HOMESHARE  
PROGRAM**



**Canada  
HomeShare**  
by NICE

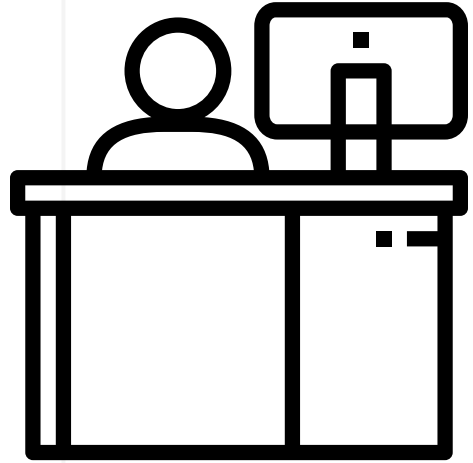
[www.canadahomeshare.com](http://www.canadahomeshare.com)

# Canada HomeShare Cities

Toronto  
Barrie  
Metro Vancouver  
Kingston  
Peel Region  
Peterborough  
Oshawa  
Ottawa  
Calgary  
Winnipeg  
Montreal  
Halifax

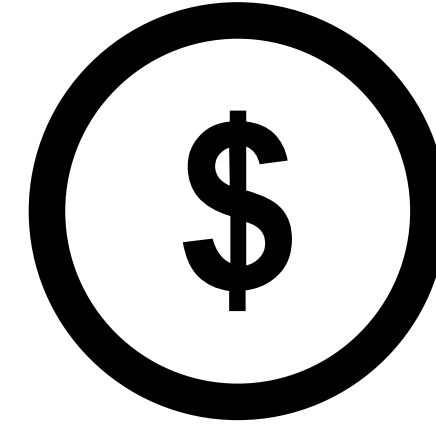


# What HomeShare Offers Home Providers



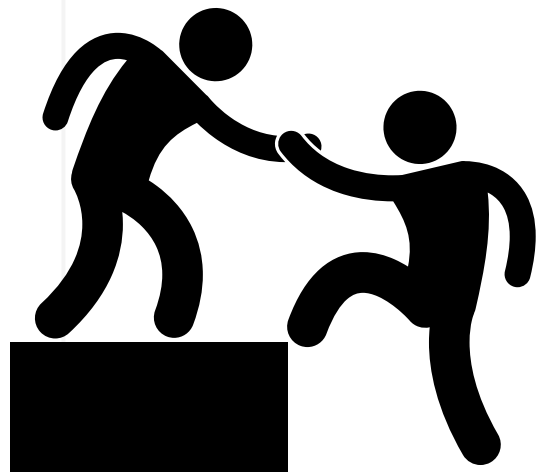
## Agency Facilitation

You're not in this alone, your Canada HomeShare social worker will be there every step of the way.



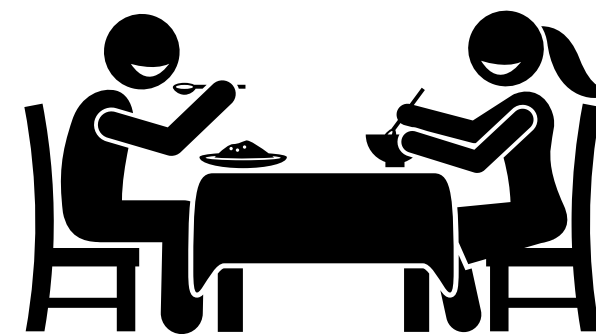
## Supplemental Income

This income can be used to make your home more age friendly for the future.



## Assistance

5-7 hours per week of assistance. Tasks are agreed upon ahead of time and written in the HomeShare Agreement.



## Companionship

Someone to say good morning to, share a meal with, someone to learn with and from, someone to talk to that has a different perspective.

## What might HomeShare students do?

Running errands, shopping, light household chores, snow maintenance, lawn and yard maintenance, meal prep, cooking, technical assistance, companionship



## What can't they do?

HomeShare students **can't replace a caregiver**, provide any form of hands on care, feeding, administering medication, or surveilling of a home provider

# What Canada HomeShare Offers Students

More than just a room

## **LOCATION, SPACE, AND QUIET**

Canada HomeShare only matches one student per home.

## **FAST INTEGRATION INTO LOCAL COMMUNITY**

Many HomeShare home providers have lived in their community longterm and are able to provide valuable insights for students new to the neighbourhood.

## **AN INTERGENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Intergenerational relationships are opportunities to explore perspectives that may differ from that of your own.

# Testimonials from Canada HomeShare Participants



## HOME PROVIDER

We social distanced for 8 months during COVID. Some mornings we'd have coffee together, me at the top of the stairs, her at the bottom. Small things like this were the difference between feeling alone and being connected

## STUDENT

My home provider has a huge garden but she was having a hard time with all of the work so she didn't plant one last year. We make a pretty good gardening team. I'm leaning so much and she has her garden back. When I see her out there it just makes me so happy.

## HOME PROVIDER

I had lost interest in cooking after my husband died. During COVID my student and I started watching cooking videos online and learned to make new recipes together. I really look forward to our Wednesday night dinners

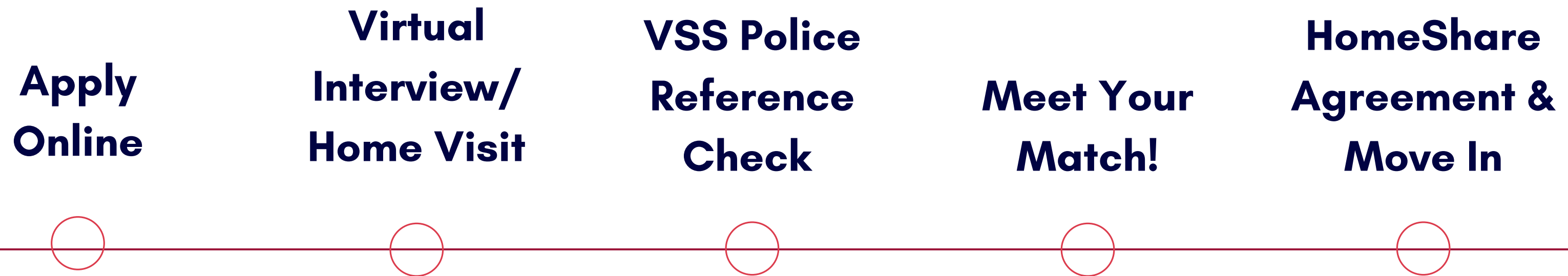
# **What makes a Good Canada HomeShare Home?**

Proximity to post  
secondary institutions

Close to transit

Furnished or unfurnished  
spare bedroom

# The Canada HomeShare Process



The timing of these steps is up to you

# Safety and Screening

Vulnerable  
Sector  
Screening

Reference  
Check

Screened by a  
social  
worker/home  
safety check

On call  
support line  
and case  
management

# What is the HomeShare Agreement?

It is a written agreement between the home provider and the student created by their Canada HomeShare social worker.

## **Main Sections**

- HomeShare tasks to be carried out by the student/timing of these tasks
- House rules and preferences
- Communication guidelines
- The student's space and guidelines regarding use of other spaces in the home
- COVID-19 safety protocols
- Use of emergency contacts
- Expectations about the relationship

# FAQs



**Canada  
HomeShare**  
by NICE

I'm not a student, can I still be matched with a home provider?

Will I have to prepare meals for the student?

What happens if I am not happy with my Canada HomeShare match?

How long does a Canada HomeShare match last?

# Have Questions or Want More Information?

**CANADA HOMESHARE WEBSITE**

**[HTTPS://WWW.CANADAHOMESHARE.COM/](https://www.canadahomeshare.com/)**

**NICE WEBSITE**

**<https://www.nicenet.ca/>**

**EMAIL ADDRESS**

**[IPEEL@CANADAHOMESHARE.COM](mailto:IPEEL@CANADAHOMESHARE.COM)**

**PHONE**

**800-786-9773**



**Canada  
HomeShare**  
by NICE



# Location Specific Contact Information

For questions or more info email

[TORONTO@CANADAHOMESHARE.COM](mailto:TORONTO@CANADAHOMESHARE.COM)

[PEEL@CANADAHOMESHARE.COM](mailto:PEEL@CANADAHOMESHARE.COM)

[KINGSTON@CANADAHOMESHARE.COM](mailto:KINGSTON@CANADAHOMESHARE.COM)

[VANCOUVER@CANADAHOMESHARE.COM](mailto:VANCOUVER@CANADAHOMESHARE.COM)

800-786-9773

Toronto ext 2

Metro Vancouver ext 3

Kingston ext 4

Peel Region ext 5

National Office ext 0