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## Final settlement of housing benefits for 2023 - Result

After the final settlement for 2023, the result is that your housing benefits were overpaid by **#amount# kr**. On page two of this letter you can see our calculations.

As you have an active application for housing benefits the debt will be deducted from your benefits over the next 12 months, never exceeding 25% of each month's benefits amount. <sup>1</sup> The first deduction will be made to the next payment of housing benefits.

**About the final settlement:** The Housing and Construction Authority has recalculated your housing benefits for 2023 in accordance with the last confirmed tax return according to law no. 75/2016 on housing benefits. The recalculation is based on taxable income, including capital gain and net assets, of all household members, 18 years and older.

**Further information:** You can find further information on the final settlement on <u>island.is/hms</u> under "Housing benefits" and then "Final settlement".

**Comments:** If you believe the information used in the final settlement does not reflect your correct income and assets for 2023, you can email your comments and arguments to hms@hms.is.<sup>2</sup> Please do this within 10 days of the date of this letter. If we do not receive any comments within this timeframe, the decision on our final settlement for 2023 will be considered final.

Under Article 6 of the Housing Benefit Act, an appeal may be lodged with the Welfare Appeals Committee against the above decision. Appeals must be lodged within three months of the date of announcement of this decision and shall be addressed to the Welfare Appeals Committee (Úrskurðarnefnd velferðarmála), Katrínartún 2, 150 Reykjavík. Further information on appeals may be found on the committee's website urvel.is.

Sincerely,

on behalf of the Housing and Construction Autority

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the debt is higher than a 12 month deduction from paid housing benefits will cover, the outstanding balance will be recovered after that time. The same shall apply if the lease expires, or if your application for housing benefits is, for some reason, no longer accepted before the debt is fully paid up.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> According to Articles 10 and 13 of the Administrative Procedures Act no. 37/1993 an applicant is allowed to express his views before a decision is made and HMS must ensure that a case has been sufficiently presented before a final decision is made.