



County of Wellington

Social Services Department – Housing Services

DIRECTIVE

Directive Number: 2021-04

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

This directive has been developed by the County of Wellington in its role as Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) and applies to housing providers funded under the following social housing programmes:

- Provincially Reformed Non-Profit Housing Programmes
 - Provincially Reformed Co-operative Housing Programmes (Co-ops)
 - Local Housing Corporation (LHC)
 - Service Manager Funding Agreement (Post EOA)
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Subject	Rent-Geared-to-Income Administration Reference Guide
Legislative Reference	Housing Services Act, 2011 O. Reg. 316/19
Directive Reference	Repeals and replaces the 2017 RGI Guide and Directive 2015-01 Fluctuating Income

Background

On September 23, 2019, in support of the Community Housing Renewal Strategy, the Province of Ontario introduced regulatory amendments aimed at simplifying rent-geared-to-income (RGI) programme administration. On July 1, 2020 Ontario Regulation (O. Reg) 298/01 was revoked and replaced with O. Reg 316/19 that made changes to how RGI is calculated. The County of Wellington has elected July 1, 2021 as the implementation date for these regulatory changes.

Purpose

To establish that the new Rent-Geared-to-Income Administration Reference Guide (RGI Guide) be used by staff of the County of Wellington and housing providers in the Guelph-Wellington Service Area to administer rent-geared-to-income (RGI) under the Housing Services Act.

Direction

Effective July 1, 2021, housing providers are required to update their RGI practices so they are in compliance with the new RGI Guide.

The County of Wellington as CMSM will use the new RGI Guide as a primary resource for monitoring housing provider compliance with RGI administration.

If you require additional information related to this directive or the new RGI Guide, please contact the Housing Programme Advisor.

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Mark Poste
Director of Housing

Appendix 1 – Rent-Geared-to-Income Administration Reference Guide