



County of Wellington

Social Services Department – Housing Services

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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This Information Bulletin has been developed by the County of Wellington in its role as Consolidated Municipal Services Manager (CMSM) and is intended to be made available to all housing providers.

Subject	Housing Services Act 2011 – Minimum Rent
Legislative Reference	Housing Services Act 2011 <i>O. Reg. 316/19, s. 2</i>
Directive Reference	This Information Bulletin is an annual update to Directive 2020-07 Minimum Rent

Background

In accordance with O. Reg 316/19, minimum rents will be increased and indexed annually in accordance with the provincial annual rent increase guideline amount, subject to phase-in for existing households paying less than indexed minimum rent.

Purpose

To communicate the requirements for housing providers to update minimum rents in compliance with current legislation.

Information

The minimum RGI amount payable for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 is \$131 per month.

If the assessed rent at July 1, 2021 was previously calculated below the prior year indexed minimum rent of \$129, and remains below the new indexed minimum rent, the new minimum rent at the next annual or interim review for the household will be set at \$101 per month.

If at any time, the household has an increase to their rent that brings their rent above the indexed minimum rent, the current indexed minimum rent will apply to any calculations going forward.

Effective July 1, 2021, minimum rents for benefit unit households paying RGI rent scale of less than \$131 (or the applicable indexed amount) will be the rent scale for the benefit unit.

Provincial Rent Freeze

Please be advised that in compliance with the Provincial Rent Freeze, any increases resulting from changes to minimum rent will not be effective until January 1, 2022. For more information regarding the Provincial Rent Freeze, please refer to Directive 2020-11.

If you require additional information, please contact your Housing Programme Advisor.



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