



County of Wellington
Social Services Department – Housing Services
DIRECTIVE

Directive Number: 2026-01

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

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 and Post EOM)
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Subject	2026 Maximum Household Income Limits
Legislative Reference	Housing Services Act, 2011, S.40 (4) Housing Services Act, 2011, O.Reg. 367/11 S.32.4 Housing Services Act, 2011, O.Reg. 370/11, Schedules 1, 2
Policy Reference	HS 2024-PA8.2 Maximum Household Income Policy

Background

HSA O.Reg. 367/11 S.32.4 permits the CMSM to establish a local rule that sets the maximum income for a household to determine eligibility for rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance.

Direction

1. Effective January 1, 2026, the CMSM has replaced the Maximum Household Income Limits set out in the HSA O.Reg. 370/11, as amended under Ontario Regulation 261/25 and published on November 26, 2025:

(New) Household Income Limits, HSA O.Reg. 370/11, Schedule 2

2026 Annual Household Income Limit

Area \ Unit Size	Bach unit	1-bdrm unit	2-bdrm unit	3-bdrm unit	4-bdrm or larger
City of Guelph	\$41,500	\$56,000	\$65,500	\$71,000	\$83,500
County of Wellington	\$32,000	\$46,000	\$52,500	\$56,000	\$65,000

Any subsequent revisions to the Household Income Limits posted under the HSA will be adopted by the CMSM and its housing providers with immediate effect.

2. Housing providers are required to remove past amendments of Ontario Regulation 370/11 from use and replace with Ontario Regulation 370/11 as amended under Ontario Regulation 261/25 and published on November 26, 2025.
3. The CMSM reserves the right to alter the local Household Income Limits. Any revisions will be communicated to housing providers by directive.

Application

The income of the household is the total income of all household members during the most recent twelve (12) month period. The income of the household is the sum of all payments made to, on behalf of, or for the benefit of the household members other than specific exclusions as set out in the HSA. The included and excluded income sources are regulated under HSA O.Reg. 316/19.

This Directive is effective immediately.

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

Originally Signed by

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