



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 for social housing providers in the County of Wellington and City of Guelph.

Subject	2026 Minimum Rent
Legislative Reference	Housing Services Act 2011 O Reg 316/19, s. 2
Directive Reference	An annual update to Information Bulletin 2025-03 Minimum Rent

Background

The Housing Services Act (the “Act”) states that minimum rents are to be indexed annually using the rent increase guideline. Existing households paying less than the minimum rent are subject to a phased-in provisional minimum rent which will be increased annually.

Minimum Rents

The minimum rent will be increasing for the period **July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**, as follows:

- The indexed minimum rent is \$145 per month.
- The provisional minimum rent is \$141 per month. The provisional minimum rent applies only to households whose rent or housing charge has remained below the previous indexed minimum rent of \$142.

The minimum rent for a single person receiving Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Programme (ODSP) whose RGI is calculated using the scale rate remains the same:

- Minimum rent for an Ontario Works benefit unit of one person is \$85.
- Minimum rent for an ODSP benefit unit of one person is \$109.

Please refer to the Rent-Geared-to Income (RGI) Administration Reference Guide for more information about minimum rents. If you require additional information, please contact your Housing Programme Advisor.

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