



# County of Wellington

## Social Services Department – Housing Services

### DIRECTIVE

**Directive Number: 2019-03**

**Effective Date: January 1, 2019**

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 programs:

√	<b>Provincially Reformed Non-Profit Housing Programmes (MNP, PNP &amp; OCHAP) 6(A)</b>
√	<b>Provincially Reformed Co-operative Housing Programmes (Co-ops) 6(B)</b>
√	<b>Municipal Non-Profit Housing Programme (Section 56.1 Pre-1986) 6(C)</b>
√	<b>Public Housing Programme – County of Wellington 1(A)</b>
	<b>Federal Non-Profit Housing Programme (Section 95 Pre-1986) 5</b>

**SUBJECT: 2019 Maximum Household Income Limits**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES:** Housing Services Act, 2011 (HSA) O.Reg. 367/11 S.34  
 Housing Services Act, 2011, O.Reg. 370/11 Schedules 1, 2  
 Housing Services Act, 2011, O.Reg. 318/13 Schedules 1, 2  
 Housing Services Act, 2011, O.Reg. 298/01 S.50  
 Housing Services Act, 2011, O.Reg. 367/11 S.30

**POLICY REFERENCES:** HS 2013-PA8.0 Maximum Household Limit policy

**DIRECTIVE REFERENCES:** N/A

**ATTACHED:** Housing Services Act, 2011 and O.Reg. 370/11 amended under Ontario Regulation 178/19 and published on June 6, 2019, Schedules 1,2

**BACKGROUND:**

HSA O.Reg. 367/11 S.34 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, 2019, the CMSM has replaced the Maximum Household Income Limits set out in the HSA O.Reg.370/11, as amended under Ontario Regulation 178/19 and published on June 6, 2019:

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

2019 Annual Household Income Limit					
Area \ Unit Size	Bachelor unit	1-bdrm unit	2-bdrm unit	3-bdrm unit	4-bdrm or larger
City of Guelph	\$27,000	\$34,500	\$42,000	\$51,000	\$65,500
County of Wellington	\$25,000	\$31,000	\$37,500	\$40,500	\$50,000

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 a copy of the attached Ontario Regulation 370/11 amended under Ontario Regulation 178/19 and published on June 6, 2019.
3. The CMSM reserves the right to alter the local Household Income Limits. Any revisions will be communicated to housing providers by directive.

**APPLICATION:**

1. 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. 298/01 S.50.

Any rent-geared-to-income household that has an increase to its household income causing it to exceed the Maximum Household Income Limits will be subject to the “Cessation of Eligibility – 12 months of normal rent” rule established under HSA O.Reg. 367/11 S.30.

Please contact your Housing Programme Advisor if you have any questions.

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