



Social Services Department Housing Services

Policy Name: Household Income Limits **Policy Catalogue #** HS 2022-PA8.1

Department: Administration **Approved by:** Director of Housing

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Signature: 

1.0 PURPOSE

To update the household income limits (HILs), as prescribed under the Housing Services Act 2011 and Ontario Regulation 367/11 section 34. The HILs will determine eligibility for all households applying for Rent-Geared-to-Income and Rent Support programmes administered by the County of Wellington, Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) and its housing providers.

2.0 REVISION HISTORY

Maximum Household Income Limit 2013, HS 2013-PA8.0

3.0 POLICY

The HILs for Rent-Geared-to-Income and Rent Support eligibility are set at the limits established under Ontario Regulation 370/11 Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 of the Housing Services Act, 2011.

Any subsequent revisions of the HILs posted under the said Ontario Regulations will be adopted by the County of Wellington, CMSM with immediate effect. The County of Wellington, CMSM reserves the right to alter the HILs; as regulated under Ontario Regulation 367/11 section 34 of the Housing Services Act 2011.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

(1) "CWL" means the Centralized Waiting List established for the purposes of allocating Rent-Geared-to-Income, Rent Support and Special Needs units and which complies with the criteria established in the Housing Services Act, 2011 and the Regulations;

(2) "CMSM" means Consolidated Municipal Service Manager. The Corporation of the County of Wellington is the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager for the geographic area that includes the County of Wellington and the City of Guelph for the purposes of the Housing Services Act, 2011;

(3) "Housing Provider" means all landlords in the County of Wellington CMSM service area that fall under Ontario Regulation 368/11, Schedule 35;

(4) “HILs” means the maximum income that a household may have and still be eligible for rent-geared-to-income (RGI). Income limits are updated periodically to reflect changes to the household income limits set out in Ontario Regulation 370/11.

(5) “Income” The income of the household is the total income of the members of the household during the most recent twelve-month period. Further, the income of the members of the household is the sum of all payments made to, on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the members other than payments excluded herein.

(6) “Policy Approval Date” means the date this policy received final approval.

(7) “Rent Support Programme” means the consolidation of three Federal, Provincial and Municipal programmes and funding known as Strong Communities Rent Supplement Programme, County 2005 Housing Strategy and the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario – Rent Supplement and Housing allowance components.

5.0 APPLICATION

The household income local rule comes into effect on July 1, 2022. The rule will be used to determine Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) eligibility as part of the initial application process and yearly update for the Centralized Waiting List (CWL) and at time of offer of an RGI unit. Applicant households with household income that exceeds the HILs will be removed from the CWL.

6.0 PROCEDURES

N/A

7.0 RELEVANT LEGISLATION & POLICY

Housing Services Act, 2011 S.O. 2011

Ontario Regulation 367/11, s. 34

Ontario Regulation 370/11, Schedule 1 and Schedule 2

Ontario Regulation 368/11, Schedule 35



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