

DNSSAB Housing Services
Local Housing Policy

LHP - 2020-10

SUBJECT:	Maximum Absences from Unit		
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PURPOSE

To inform all housing stakeholders of the local rule, background and compliance standard under the Housing Services Act, 2011 (HSA) and associated regulations related to the maximum absence from a rent-gear-to-income (RGI) unit.

BACKGROUND

Under *O Reg 367/11, s.37* of the Housing Services Act 2011 s. 42, Service Managers have the flexibility to decide whether or not to set a maximum absence period from a unit for continued eligibility for rent-gear-to-income (RGI) assistance. If a local rule is established, the HSA stipulates that the maximum consecutive days that tenants may be absent from their unit per year must be a minimum 60 days, and the maximum non-consecutive days per year must be a minimum 90 days.

LOCAL RULE

Provided the household maintains their tenancy in good standing, the DNSSAB local rule allows households to be absent from their unit for a maximum of:

- 60 consecutive days; *or*
- 90 non-consecutive days per year.

This policy will allow for extenuating circumstances. For a list of potential extenuating circumstances, please see Appendix "A" attached.



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SUBJECT: Ceasing to Meet Occupancy Standards (continued)

ACTION

That Housing Providers implement the new Local Housing Policy - *Ceasing to Meet Occupancy Standards* - LHP - 2020-10.

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Appendix “A” – Examples of Extenuating Circumstances

- Illness or medical emergency that requires hospitalization
- Death of an immediate relative (spouse/partner, child, parents, siblings or legal guardian)
- To attend to/care for an ill or dying family member
- Seeking or receiving medical treatment for addictions
- Incarceration (serving time due to a conviction)
- An SPP household identifies that the location is not safe due to the proximity to their abuser