

DNSSAB Housing Services Local Housing Policy

LHP - 2020-02

| SUBJECT: | Maximum Annual Household Income | | |
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| | ☑ Private Non-Profit Housing Program | | |
| | ✓ Municipal Non-Profit Housing Program (Pre-1986) | | |
| | ✓ Local Housing Corporation | | |
| | ☐ Affordable Housing/Investment in Affordable | | |
| | Housing/Social Infrastructure Fund Program | | |
| | ☐ DNSSAB Rent Supplement Programs | | |
| | □ DNSSAB Housing Access | | |

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 annual household income under the selection system for rent-geared-to-income assistance.

BACKGROUND

Under *O. Reg 367/11 s. 34*, of the Housing Services Act 2011, the Service Managers have the flexibility to decide whether or not to establish a local eligibility rule that sets a maximum annual income limit amount that a household can have to be eligible for a rent-geared-to-income unit in the service area, however there is no legislative requirement that a local rule be established.

If income limits are set for the service area, the following provisions must be made:

- Income of the household is the total income of all members of the household for a 12-month period specified by the Service Manager and the income of the members of the household is the sum of all payments made to, on behalf of, the members other than payments that are excluded under the local eligibility rule;
- The local eligibility rule may provide for different maximum incomes for units of different types and sizes and units in different parts of the Service Manager's service area;
- The maximum income for a unit specified in the local eligibility rule must be at least the household income limit prescribed, under *Ontario Regulation 370/11* (Household Income Limits *Subsection 40 (4) of the Act*) made under the Act, for such a unit. *O. Reg. 367/11, s. 34 (4).*



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LOCAL RULE

That the *Household Income Limits* (HIL's) as per *O Reg 370/11, Schedule 2, Line 58*, be applied.

Income of the household is the total income for all members of the household for a 12-month period to a household's applied date (for applicants) or the lease signing date and annually thereafter (for current tenants), whichever is applicable.

Income of the members of the household is the sum of all payments of any nature (including income derived from a household's assets) made to, on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the members other than payments excluded under the Housing Services Act, 2011 and associated regulations as amended or successive legislation for the purpose of calculating rent-geared-to-income rent.

ACTION

Replaced By Policy #

That Housing Providers implement the new Local Housing Policy - *Maximum Annual Household Income* - LHP - 2020-02.

That Housing Providers implement the Household Income Limits in accordance with their legislated service target level. The local Household Income Limits are to be used in completing Page C1 – Statistical Information of the Annual Information Return (AIR).

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