



Housing Services Notice

Date: June 1, 2020

HSN#: 2020-08

This applicable legislation/policy is to be implemented effective this date by the housing provider(s) under the following programs:

Please note, if your program is **not checked**, this change does not apply to your project.

- Federal Non-Profit Housing Program
- Federal Section 26/27 Housing Program
- Federal Urban Native Non-Profit Housing Program
- Private Non-Profit Housing Program
- Municipal Non-Profit Housing Program (Pre-1986)
- Local Housing Corporation
- Local Housing Corporation—Rent Supplement Programs
- Affordable Housing Programs (AHP, IAH, SIF, OPHI)
- Housing Access (Centralized Waiting List Services)

Subject: Implementation of simplified RGI regulations

Reference:

- *MMAH Social Housing Notification 20-05*

Background:

The purpose of this notification is to provide information to housing providers regarding the implementation of simplified RGI regulations.

Action:

As announced in HSN #2020-03, the province is implementing a suite of changes to the rent-geared-to-income calculation to make calculating rent simpler for Service Managers and housing providers and easier for tenants to predict and understand.

To that end, Ontario Regulation 298/01 is revoked and replaced with Ontario Regulation 316/19 as of July 1, 2020. Regulatory amendments to Ontario Regulation 367/11 to support rent-geared-to-income simplification will also be in force as of July 1, 2020.

At this time, the implementation of the simplified rent-geared-to-income regulations is ongoing as planned. As communicated, Service Managers may choose to delay implementation of the new rules for a period of one year until July 1, 2021, at their discretion. As you were notified in HSN #2020-03, the DNSSAB has chosen to delay implementation until July 1, 2021.

Therefore, housing providers must continue to determine rent-geared-to-income assistance under the revoked Ontario Regulation 298/01 for the period between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

Please note however that new minimum rent provisions will be in effect for all tenants on July 1, 2020, irrespective of the DNSSAB's chosen RGI implementation date. A separate HSN Notice will be issued regarding the implementation of the new minimum rent.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other Housing Services Notice, please contact the Housing Programs Administrator assigned to your portfolio:

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