



Housing Services Notice

Date: August 7, 2015

HSN#: 2015-06

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 is **not applicable** 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
- Nipissing District Housing Registry

Subject: 2016 Rent Increase Guideline

Reference:

- *2016 Rent Increase Guideline News Release, June 19, 2015*
English: <http://news.ontario.ca/mah/en/2015/06/ontarios-2016-rent-increase-guideline-set-at-2-per-cent.html>
French: <http://news.ontario.ca/mah/fr/2015/06/le-taux-legal-daugmentation-des-loyers-pour-2016-en-ontario-est-fixe-a-2-p-100.html>
Residential Tenancies Act, 2006

Background:

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing released Ontario's rent increase guideline for 2016. The 2016 guideline amount will be 2.0%. This is an increase from the 1.6% rent increase guideline amount in 2015.

The annual guideline is the maximum amount that most landlords can increase a tenant's rent without making an application to the Landlord and Tenant Board. The 2016 guideline was calculated under the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 and is based upon the Ontario Consumer Price Index. Annual rent control guidelines are designed to recognize increases in building operating costs, so that housing providers can properly maintain properties and protect tenant health and safety, while at the same time ensuring that tenants can still pay their rent.

The 2016 guideline applies to a rent increase that takes effect between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.

Action: Effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, increases to market rent must not exceed 2.0 % as per the 2016 Rent Control Guideline.

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

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