



Housing Services Notice

Date: June 11, 2021

HSN#: 2021-10

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 Section 95 Non-Profit Housing Program
- Federal Section 26/27 Non-Profit Housing Program
- Federal Urban Native Non-Profit Housing Program
- Private Non-Profit Housing Program (Provincial Reformed)
- Municipal Non-Profit Housing Program (Pre-1986)
- Local Housing Corporation
- Rent Supplement Programs
- Affordable Housing Program (AHP)/Investment in Affordable Housing Program (IAH)/Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF)
- Housing Access (Centralized Waiting List Services)

Subject: DNSSAB - Housing Services - Local Housing Policies (LHP)

Reference:

- *Housing Services Act, 2011*
- *Regulations O.Reg 316/19, O.Reg 370/11, O.Reg 369/11, O.Reg 368/11, O.Reg 367/11*
- *DNSSAB Local Housing Policies (found on DNSSAB website at link below)*

Purpose:

The purpose of this notice is to inform all housing stakeholders of the Local Housing Policies, including the background and compliance standards under the Housing Services Act, 2011 (HSA) and its associated regulations.

Background:

The Housing Services Act, 2011 (HSA) gives authorization and flexibility to service managers in the development of Local Housing Policies pursuant to certain areas of housing program administration and management. The DNSSAB's goal is to create Local Housing Policies that are responsive to the local community.

In February 2014, the DNSSAB established a set of Local Housing Policies which were distributed to housing providers. Housing providers were directed to follow these policies in the administration and management of their housing projects which are subject to the related sections of the HSA and its Regulations.

In 2020, the Province announced amendments to the HSA and its associated Regulations. These changes would require some changes to the DNSSAB's Local Housing Policies. The DNSSAB took this opportunity to conduct a full review of all of its Local Housing Policies, regardless of whether changes were required by the amendments to the Act and the Regulations.

As part of that review, in November 2020, housing providers were asked for their feedback on the proposed revised Local Housing Policies. The DNSSAB would consider any feedback received from housing providers in the implementation of the revised Local Housing Policies.

After thorough review, the DNSSAB has now approved a new set of Local Housing Policies that we believe are best suited to the requirements of the district. These can be found on the DNSSAB website here: <https://dnssab.ca/housing-services/housing-services-notices/#345-local-housing-policies-2021-signed>.

Action: Housing providers are directed to review the set of revised Local Housing Policies as posted to the DNSSAB website at the link provided above.

Housing providers are further directed to implement the revised Local Housing Policies effective immediately for their housing projects which are subject to the related sections of the Housing Services Act and its Regulations.

The DNSSAB welcomes ongoing input into these Local Housing Policies. Should any housing provider ever have concerns regarding these policies, please contact the DNSSAB with the details of those concerns and suggestions for improvements. The DNSSAB will consider those concerns as they are received and will issue further revisions as necessary.

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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Sincerely,

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