

# Social Housing Notification

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*The Requirements, Recommendations and Guidelines in this communiqué are to be implemented by the housing providers administered under the legislated programs/Operating Agreement identified below:*

- √ Providers under *Housing Services Act, 2011*
- Providers under a Federal Operating Agreement
- √ Requirement
- Guidelines
- Information Only

### **Subject**

#### **Maximum Household Income Limits (HILS)**

**Legislative Reference:** O. Regulation 367/11 s. 34

### **Purpose/Overview**

To confirm that a household will continue to be eligible to receive rent-geared-to-income assistance to the extent that their maximum income will permit.

### **Background**

The *Housing Services Act, 2011* gives Service Managers the flexibility to decide whether or not to set an income limit to be eligible for rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance. If established, the limit may not be lower than the published Household Income Limit (HILS) for the service area.

The Service Manager may set different income limits for different sized units, and for units in different parts of the service area.

A Service Manager may exclude certain types of income from the calculation of household income for the purposes of applying income limits.

There is no requirement that a limit be established based on information available on existing rent-geared-to-income households and the centralized waiting list, the need to establish a local income limit has not been identified.

**Background (Cont'd)**

In any event, a natural income limit is inherent in the Program. Individuals who pay less than 30% of their gross income on rent are ineligible for RGI assistance.

**Action Required**

The City of Greater Sudbury has approved a local policy confirming that no income limit be established for the local social housing program.

Should you have any questions please contact your Program Administrator.

R. J. Sutherland  
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