



Housing Services Notice

Date: September 17, 2019

HSN#: 2019-9

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 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: Rent Increase Guideline

Reference:

- 2020 Rent Increase Guideline, Released: June 26, 2019
English: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/rent-increase-guideline>
French: <https://www.ontario.ca/fr/page/le-taux-legal-daugmentation-des-loyers-pour-ontario>
Residential Tenancies Act, 2006

Background:

The annual rent increase 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 2020 guideline was calculated under the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 and is based on the Ontario Consumer Price Index. Annual rent guidelines are designed to recognize changes 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 Ministry of Housing released Ontario's rent increase guideline for 2020. The 2020 guideline amount will be 2.2%. This is an increase from the 1.8% guideline amount for 2019.

Action:

The 2020 guideline applies to a rent increase that will take place between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

Effective January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, increases to market rent must not exceed 2.2% as per the 2020 Rent Increase 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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