

## City Guideline – 2023-7: Communication with RGI households about new asset limit for RGI eligibility

Date issued	Effective date
November 6, 2023	November 2, 2023

### Applicability to Social Housing Programs

The City Guideline is applicable to the programs indicated in the table below.

#### Applicability Program

✓	Housing Services Act, Part VII Housing Projects, Market and Rent-Geared-to-Income, Section 78
✓	Housing Services Act, Part VII Housing Projects, 100% Rent-Geared-to-Income, Section 78
✓	Other alternative mandated units
✓	Rent Supplement Agreements with the City of Toronto
✓	Toronto Community Housing Corporation
✓	Toronto Seniors Housing Corporation

If your program is not checked in the Applicability column, this City Guideline does not apply.

### About City Guidelines

Under the authority of the Housing Services Act, the City of Toronto, Housing Secretariat, City Guidelines and the Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) Administration Manual are the authority for housing administration and RGI administration for prescribed housing providers in the City of Toronto.

City Guidelines are the City of Toronto's mandatory policies and procedures that social housing providers must follow. City Guidelines are most often issued when a Local Rule is established by the City of Toronto, the Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) Administration Manual is updated, or other relevant legislative changes or operational requirements occur. City Guidelines which impact RGI are incorporated into the RGI Manual.

Please see [www.toronto.ca/socialhousing](http://www.toronto.ca/socialhousing) for more information.

## Background

The *Housing Services Act, 2011* (HSA), and its accompanying regulations, outline the requirements that the City of Toronto as service manager for the Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) program must follow.

In March of 2022, the Province introduced Ontario Regulation 242/22 under the HSA which amended Ontario Regulation 367/11. This regulation introduced new criteria that require service managers to implement local income and asset limits for rent geared-to-income (RGI) assistance eligibility.

The City of Toronto will be implementing the changes associated with income and asset limits as follows:

- RGI applicants (currently on the centralized waiting list) – October 1, 2023
- Households currently receiving RGI assistance – March 1, 2024

It is important that households currently receiving RGI assistance are made aware of the impact of these changes may have on their RGI eligibility. This City Guideline requires housing providers to distribute the attached notice to all households currently receiving RGI assistance, informing them of the implementation of the asset limit.

## Actions required

1. Housing providers must distribute by email, mail or door-to-door delivery, the attached City of Toronto notice “Important Changes to RGI Eligibility Requirements – Nov 2023” (4 pages) to **all** households currently receiving RGI assistance by end of day, Thursday, November 30, 2023.
2. Housing providers must also post on their website and/or community bulletin boards the attached City of Toronto notice “Important Changes to RGI Eligibility Requirements – Nov 2023” (4 pages) by end of day, Thursday, November 30, 2023. The notice must remain posted until December 31, 2024.

## Questions

If you have any questions, please contact your Housing Consultant or HSS:

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