

Directive

Directive: ODSP Basic Needs Table Effective September 1, 2018

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The policies and procedures in this Directive are to be implemented by Housing Providers/Cooperatives funded by the Municipality under the following programs.

Provincial Non-Profit Housing Providers

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gananoque Family Housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gananoque Housing Inc. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legion Village 96 Seniors Residence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twp. of Bastard & South Burgess Housing Corp. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brockville Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corp. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Crosby Non-Profit Housing Corp. – Pineview |

Federal Non-Profit Housing Providers

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Athens & District Non-Profit Housing Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Marguerita Residence Corp. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gananoque Housing Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> South Crosby Non-Profit Housing Corp. – Rideau Lakes |

Federal/Provincial Cooperative Housing

- Shepherds Green Cooperative Homes Inc.

Housing Providers

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UCLG Social Housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rent Supplement Program |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marguerita Residence Corp. (RGI Service Agreement) | |

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BACKGROUND

Calculations for rent-geared-to-income assistance for benefit units in receipt of Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefits, and Canada Pension Plan – Disability benefits (CPP-D), or a spousal allowance under the *Old Age Security Act (Canada) (OAS-SA)* are specified by the *Housing Services Act (HSA)* and O. Reg. 298/01. Income from CPP-D or spousal allowance from OAS must be compared to the basic needs amounts for the benefit unit under ODSP.

This Directive includes the updated ODSP Basic Needs Table that is used to determine whether to use the ODSP Rent Scale (Table 5, O. Reg. 298/01) for ODSP recipients who also have income from CPP-D or OAS spousal allowance. Implementation of this directive will ensure integrity in rent-geared-to-income calculations for recipients of CPP-D or OAS spousal allowance and ODSP benefits.

When an ODSP benefit unit also receives CPP-D or OAS spousal allowance, the amount of CPP-D or spousal allowance received must be compared to the basic needs allowance for the ODSP benefit unit. If the CPP-D or OAS spousal allowance is **equal to or less than** the basic needs amount for the benefit unit, then RGI shall be determined using the ODSP Rent Scale in Table 5, and income received from CPP-D or OAS-SA is excluded. If OAS spousal allowance or CPP-D is **greater than** the basic needs amount of ODSP payable, the ODSP income is excluded, and the 30 per cent ratio is applied to total adjusted family income (i.e. CPP-D or OAS-SA, and any other income).

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Basic Needs Table for Renters and Home Owners (effective September 1, 2018)

The maximum amount provided for basic needs is based on the number of persons in the benefit unit, and the age of dependents.

| Number of Dependents, other than a Spouse | | | | | |
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Note 1: A recipient if there is no spouse included in the benefit unit.
 Note 2: A recipient with a spouse included in the benefit unit if Note 3 does not apply.
 Note 3: A recipient with a spouse included in the benefit unit if each the recipient and the spouse is a person with a disability or a person referred to in subparagraph 1i of subsection 4 (1), or paragraph 3, 5.1, 5.2, 6, 7, or 8 of subsection 4 (1).

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REFERENCE(S)

Housing Services Act, 2011

O. Reg. 298/01

Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997

Ontario Disability Support Program Income Support Directive 6.1 Basic Needs Calculation

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