

Rule # 13-2015

Residency Criteria

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Authority

Under the authority of the *Housing Services Act, 2011* (HSA) and its *Regulations*, each Service Manager is required to develop Local Rules. The Service Manager procedures and requirements in the Local Rule are to be implemented by all Housing Providers in Cornwall and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry operating under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*.

Intent

A local eligibility rule may not treat a household differently from other households because the household resides, or at any time in the past did reside, outside the service manager's service area.

A local eligibility rule may not treat a household receiving rent-geared-to-income assistance differently from other such households because of how long the household has received such assistance.

Local Rule

For a household to be eligible for rent-geared-to-income assistance, at least one member of the household must be 16 years old or older and able to live independently; and each member of the household must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- (i) the member is a Canadian citizen; or
- (ii) the member has made an application for status as a permanent resident under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)*; or
- (iii) the member has made a claim for refugee protection under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)*.

A household is not eligible for rent-geared-to-income assistance if a removal order has become enforceable under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada)* against any member of the household.

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- Proof of Residency Status must accompany the application.

- Any member of the household named in the application must not have been convicted of an offence under Section 55 of the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, or a crime under the *Criminal Code (Canada)* within the last two years, in relation to the receipt of rent-geared-to-income assistance. Some exemptions may apply.

Reference

O. Reg. 367/11, sections 40, 41

Local Audit Requirements	
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