

**DIRECTIVE**

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The policies, procedures and County requirements in this Directive are to be implemented by housing providers that are funded under the following Programs, which are administered by the County:

Please note if your program is not checked, this Directive is not applicable to your project(s), and is for information purposes only.

✓	Federal/Provincial Non-Profit Housing Program	✓	Rent Supplement - Commercial
✓	Ontario Non-Profit Housing Programs	✓	Rent Supplement-Homelessness Initiative
✓	Federal/Provincial & Ontario Co-operative Housing Programs	✓	Rent Supplement-OCHAP & CSHP
✓	Simcoe County Housing Corporation		

**SUBJECT: RENT-GEARED-TO-INCOME ASSISTANCE: LOCAL ELIGIBILITY RULE: INCOME LIMITS**

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The County of Simcoe, as service manager, has delegated the tasks of determining initial eligibility for rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance and reviewing the eligibility of applicants to Simcoe County Housing Corporation (SCHC). Under service agreements, housing providers will conduct the eligibility reviews of their tenants, and receive reports from their tenants concerning changes in income.

BACKGROUND

Under the Social Housing Reform Act 2000 (SHRA), a service manager may establish a local eligibility rule stating that a household is not eligible for RGI assistance in a unit in the service area unless the gross household income of the household, for a 12 month period determined by the service manager, is less than or equal to the maximum gross household income amount applicable to the unit, as specified in the local eligibility rule.

LOCAL ELIGIBILITY RULE

**At this time no income limits shall be set for the purposes of a local eligibility rule concerning RGI assistance.**

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

SHRA ss. 11, 75; Ontario Regulation 298/01, ss. 8, 12; Ontario Regulation 368/01, Tables 2, 6 & 7.