



Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH)

Rent Supplement Component

WHAT IS THE RENT SUPPLEMENT COMPONENT OF THE IAH?

The *Rent Supplement* Component has been designed to help address affordability issues of households in modest rental units across the province. A “rent supplement” is a subsidy paid to the landlord on behalf of a household in need of rental assistance. It is meant to help bridge the gap between the rent that a household can afford to pay and the actual market rent of a modest unit. The IAH program is administered by the Service Manager, the United Counties of Prescott and Russell – Housing Services, and funded by the federal and provincial government.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the Rent Supplement component, households must be on the social housing waiting list of Prescott-Russell. Furthermore, the combined household income must not exceed the maximum allowable income in their area, and the cost of their rent, including utilities, must not exceed the maximum allowable cost in their area¹. Also, the unit must be modest, in satisfactory state of repair, and be self-contained.

Hostel units, group homes or congregate living arrangements, and nursing and retirement homes are not eligible. Households receiving financial aid in the form of rent-geared-to-income are not eligible.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TWO COMPONENTS: RENT SUPPLEMENT AND HOUSING ALLOWANCE

- ✓ Must live in Prescott and Russell (photo identification).
- ✓ Must be on the centralized waiting list for social housing.
- ✓ Must have a total annual income according to the scale of the Ministry (check the Notice of Assessment).
- ✓ Must have a monthly rental rate that does not exceed the market price for our region. (Lease or rent receipt required).
- ✓ Those who are eligible can benefit from this supplement or allowance for up to ten years (they must remain eligible based on their income and the amount of rent). An annual audit is required.
- ✓ The subsidy can range from \$75.00 up to \$230.00, depending on the need.
- ✓ For OW or ODSP tenants, we bridge the gap between the allocated amount of rent and the actual amount of rent for the unit.
- ✓ For those who are working, the amount of the subsidy is generally higher.

¹ See Appendix A for more information regarding the criteria in your area.

THE APPLICATION

You can obtain an application form at the Housing Services of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell. Applicants must submit their application with all required documents (See section *What you will need*).

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- Application form
- Photo identification
- Proof of household income (Notice of Assessment – Tax Return Report)
- Proof of the cost of the rent (Lease, Utility bills)
- Proof of residence
- ODSP or OW cheque stub, if applicable

TERM OF THE RENT SUPPLEMENT COMPONENT

Applications are selected on a chronological basis from the centralized social housing waiting list, as well as by region, until funds are exhausted. Each tenant receiving a subsidy from the Rent Supplement Component is subject to an annual review to assess ongoing eligibility.

APPENDIX A - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

EASTERN & CENTRAL REGION OF THE UNITED COUNTIES OF PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL

(Hawkesbury, L'Orignal, St-Isidore, Plantagenet, Alfred, Wendover, Curran,
Chute à Blondeau and St-Eugène)

Maximum Allowable Cost of Rent (including utilities) ² for 2020			
Bachelor	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 + bedrooms
\$651.00	\$739.00	\$835.00	\$1073.00

Maximum Allowable Household Income for 2019			
Bachelor	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 + bedrooms
\$25,000	\$31,000	\$37,500	\$40,500

WESTERN REGION OF THE UNITED COUNTIES OF PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL

(Rockland, Clarence-Creek, Embrun, Limoges, Casselman, Bourget, Hammond and Russell)

Maximum Allowable Cost of Rent (including utilities) for 2020			
Bachelor	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3+ bedrooms
\$832.00	\$963.00	\$1094.00	\$1354.00

Maximum Allowable Household Income for 2019			
Bachelor	1 bedroom	2 bedrooms	3+ bedrooms
\$27,000	\$34,500	\$42,000	\$51,000

In the case where the applicant is living in an apartment larger than permitted by the policy SL 017, we will need to calculate the housing allowance based on the rent rate according to the size of the apartment to which the household would be entitled. For example, a single person or a couple living in a 2-bedroom unit will have a subsidy calculated to the rate of a 1-bedroom unit, since a 2-bedroom would not be necessary.

For more details or to find out how to apply, contact the Housing Services at 1-800-667-9825 extension 6505 or visit our office at 59 Court Street in L'Orignal.

² Source : E-Laws 370/11

Data comes from a business case conducted by Canada Mortgage Corporation and Housing (CMCH) + legal rent increase in the current year.