

# Program Instructions



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Please note if your program is not checked, this Program Instruction is not applicable to your project(s)

- ✓ Public Housing
- ✓ Provincial Reform Housing Programs
- ✓ Municipal Non-Profit Housing Programs
- ✓ Federal Unilateral Housing Programs
- ✓ Rent Supplement - Commercial
- ✓ Rent Supplement - OCHAP & CSHP
- ✓ Rent Supplement Homelessness

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| <b>Subject</b>    | Senior Citizens Government Pension Income  |
| <b>Summary</b>    | For the period January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007, the guaranteed income levels have changed.   |
| <b>Background</b> | <p>The Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) for Ontario Senior Citizens represents the maximum guaranteed monthly income amounts payable to eligible Senior Citizens.</p> <p>GAINS Rate Tables are sent out quarterly from the Ministry of Finance.</p> |
| <b>Update</b>     | The guaranteed monthly income amounts payable to eligible Senior Citizens for the period of January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007 are as follows:  |

### Summary of Maximum Monthly Benefits

| Benefit Programs                        | Single            | Qualified Couple<br>per person | Qualified Couple<br>per couple |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| OAS – Old Age Security                  | \$ 491.93         | \$ 491.93                      | \$ 983.86                      |
| GIS – Guaranteed Income Supplement      | 620.91            | 410.04                         | 820.08                         |
| GAINS – Guaranteed Annual Income System | 83.00             | 83.00                          | 166.00                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$1,195.84</b> | <b>\$984.97</b>                | <b>\$1,969.94</b>              |

The GAINS Benefit Rate Table is available on the Ministry of Finance’s website at [www.trd.fin.gov.on.ca](http://www.trd.fin.gov.on.ca).

**Action Required**

No action is required at this time. This serves as a useful tool to determine sources of available income to senior citizen households.

Please contact your Program Co-ordinator if you have any questions.

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