

# 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

**Subject**                      **Senior Citizens Government Pension Income**

**Summary**                      For the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004, the guaranteed income levels have changed.

**Background**                      The Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) for Ontario Senior Citizens represents the maximum guaranteed monthly income amounts payable to eligible Senior Citizens.

GAINS Rate Tables are sent out quarterly from the Ministry of Finance.

**Update**                              The guaranteed monthly income amounts payable to eligible Senior Citizens for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004, are as follows:

**Summary of Maximum Monthly Benefit**

<b>Benefit Programs</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Qualified Couple</b>	
		<b>per person</b>	<b>per couple</b>
OAS – <i>Old Age Security</i>	\$462.47	\$462.47	\$924.94
GIS – <i>Guaranteed Income Supplement</i>	549.63	358.01	716.02
GAINS – <i>Guaranteed Annual Income System</i>	83.00	83.00	166.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,095.10</b>	<b>\$903.48</b>	<b>\$1,806.96</b>

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