

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 July 1st, 2010 to September 30, 2010, 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 July 1st, 2010 to September 30, 2010 are as follows:

Summary of Maximum Monthly Benefits

Benefit Programs	Single	Qualified Couple	
		per person	per couple
OAS – Old Age Security	\$518.51	\$518.51	\$1037.02
GIS – Guaranteed Income Supplement	654.47	432.19	864.38
GAINS – Guaranteed Annual Income System	83.00	83.00	166.00
TOTAL	\$1,255.98	\$1,033.70	\$2,067.40

The GAINS Benefit Rate Table is now available on the Ministry of Finance’s website at 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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