

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 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006, 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 1, 2006 – September 30, 2006 are as follows:

Summary of Maximum Monthly Benefits

Benefit Programs	Single	Qualified Couple	
		per person	per couple
OAS – Old Age Security	\$ 487.54	\$ 487.54	\$ 975.08
GIS – Guaranteed Income Supplement	597.53	392.01	784.02
GAINS – Guaranteed Annual Income System	83.00	83.00	166.00
TOTAL	\$1,168.07	\$962.55	\$1,925.10

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