

# 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**                      **2002 Household Service Level Standards**

**Authority**                    s.8(3) and (4) of Reg. 368/01, s.11(1) of the Act

**Background**                Household service levels is a term used for counting the number of households receiving rent-geared-to-income assistance. The Region must ensure it maintains the service levels set by the province. There are two standards of household service levels with respect to rent-geared-to-income assistance - the Household Income Limit and High Need Households. For the Region, the minimum household service levels standards for these two categories are outlined in Table 7 of Reg. 368/01 and referenced below.

**Household Service Level Standards**

Number of Households whose Income is no greater than the Household Income Limit	Number of High Need Households
<b>4,038</b>	<b>949</b>

**Household Income Limits**

The **Household Income Limit (HIL)** is the *maximum* income that a geared-to-income household could have and be counted towards this standard. The HIL's are set by unit size and listed below. (Table 6 of Reg. 368/01)

<b>Bachelor Unit</b>	<b>1 B/R Unit</b>	<b>2 B/R Unit</b>	<b>3 B/R Unit</b>	<b>4 B/R Unit</b>
<b>\$26,500</b>	<b>\$32,500</b>	<b>\$38,500</b>	<b>\$44,000</b>	<b>\$53,000</b>

## High Need Household

Refers to those rent geared-to-income households that need a higher level of assistance because of their low income. The High Need Household thresholds set out in Table 2 below of Reg. 368/01 represent the *maximum* annual income level that a household can have in order to be considered in the high need RGI category. Housing Providers are required to maintain their target plan for High Need households as vacancies occur.

<b>Bachelor Unit</b>	<b>1 B/R Unit</b>	<b>2 B/R Unit</b>	<b>3 B/R Unit</b>	<b>4 B/R Unit</b>
<b>\$15,900</b>	<b>\$19,500</b>	<b>\$23,100</b>	<b>\$26,400</b>	<b>\$31,800</b>

## Action Required

At this time Housing Providers only need to be aware of these new service level standards and income limits. The Region expects to receive further provincial regulations on the future reporting requirements.

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

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