

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 January 1st, 2003 to March 31, 2003, 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 1st, 2003 to March 31, 2003 are as follows:

Summary of Maximum Monthly Benefits

| Benefit Programs | Single | Qualified Couple | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | | per person | per couple |
| OAS – Old Age Security | \$453.36 | \$453.36 | \$906.72 |
| GIS – Guaranteed Income Supplement | 538.80 | 350.95 | 701.90 |
| GAINS – Guaranteed Annual Income System | 83.00 | 83.00 | 166.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,075.16 | \$887.31 | \$1,774.62 |

The GAINS Benefit Rate Table is 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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