

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 October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, the guaranteed income levels have changed.
Background	<p>The Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) for Ontario Senior Citizens represents the maximum guaranteed monthly income amounts payable to eligible Senior Citizens.</p> <p>GAINS Rate Tables are sent out quarterly from the Ministry of Finance.</p>
Update	The guaranteed monthly income amounts payable to eligible Senior Citizens for the period of October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 are as follows:

Summary of Maximum Monthly Benefits

Benefit Programs	Single	Qualified Couple per person	Qualified Couple per couple
OAS – Old Age Security	\$ 516.96	\$ 516.96	\$1033.92
GIS – Guaranteed Income Supplement	652.51	430.90	861.80
GAINS – Guaranteed Annual Income System	83.00	83.00	166.00
TOTAL	\$1,252.47	\$1,030.86	\$2,061.72

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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