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## Changes to Ontario Works Shelter Allowance for Regional Rent Assistance Program Rent Benefit Calculations

### Background

The Regional Rent Assistance Program (Program) was designed to provide affordable housing to low income households in communities built under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP) and the Investment in Affordable Housing Program (IAH).

Under the Regional Rent Assistance Program, the Rent Benefit is calculated once a year based on the income reported on line 150 of the income tax return for each adult in the household and/or the Maximum Shelter Allowance for adults receiving Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

### What's changed?

The Maximum Shelter Allowance for OW recipients has changed. Table 2 of the *Regional Rent Assistance Guide to Calculating a Rent Benefit* should be updated. (Note: ODSP maximum shelter allowances have not changed.) Please use the updated Table 2 below for any Rent Benefit calculations made after June 19, 2014.

**Table 2 - Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Shelter Allowance Table (effective September 1, 2013 for OW and November 20, 2012 for ODSP)**

Benefit Unit (Family) Size	Ontario Works	Ontario Disability Support Program
One	\$376	\$479
Two	\$596	\$753
Three	\$648	\$816
Four	\$702	\$886
Five	\$758	\$956
Six or more	\$785	\$990

Please contact your Program Co-ordinator, Christine Zarebski at (905) 830-4444 ext. 72064 or Heather Simpson at (905) 830-4444 ext. 72142 should you have any questions.

