



## Durham Community Housing Directives

Housing Services Division

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| <b>Subject:</b>          | <b>Government Pension Income<br/>January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024</b> |
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### Purpose

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Update the Guaranteed Income Levels for senior citizens in Ontario and provide the automatic biennial rent-geared-to-income (RGI) increase amount for eligible senior tenants and co-op members.

### Background

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The Ministry of Revenue has posted the new Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) rate tables for senior citizens in Ontario.

The GAINS rate tables provide a ready reference of Old Age Security (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and GAINS payments at specified levels of private income. The complete benefit tables are available on the [Ministry of Revenue's website](http://www.ontario.ca/gains) at [www.ontario.ca/gains](http://www.ontario.ca/gains).

Rent-geared-to-income (RGI) tenants and co-op members who are eligible for biennial reviews will have their RGI increased by \$20 for single pensioners and \$31 for couples where both are receiving OAS (\$15 per person) for biennial RGI reviews conducted on or after January 1, 2024.

### Guaranteed Income Levels

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There are different guaranteed income levels for seniors based on age and marital status (i.e. single or qualified couple). Guaranteed income levels for seniors for January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 are as follows.

#### Seniors between 65 and 74 years old:

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| Single pensioners              | \$1,861.81 monthly<br>\$22,341.72 annually |
| Qualified couples (per person) | \$1,437.69 monthly<br>\$17,252.28 annually |

### **Seniors 75 years and older:**

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| Single pensioners              | \$1,933.14 monthly<br>\$23,197.68 annually |
| Qualified couples (per person) | \$1,509.02 monthly<br>\$18,108.24 annually |

### **Biennial RGI Review Increases**

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Housing providers may opt to complete biennial RGI reviews (every other year) for senior tenants and co-op members (over 65 years old) who meet all of the following criteria:

- They are unemployed.
- They have no dependents.
- They receive only fixed income.
- They receive Old Age Security (OAS) or the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

For biennial reviews conducted from January 1, 2023, the automatic RGI increase is:

- \$20 for a single person with OAS and GIS
- \$31 for a couple with OAS and GIS (\$15 for each person).

### **Updates**

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Guaranteed income levels are updated quarterly. The Housing Services Division will continue to notify housing providers as rates are updated, including automatic increases in RGI for biennial reviews.

### **Effective Date**

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This directive is effective January 1, 2024.

### **Repealed Rules**

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This directive replaces Durham Community Housing Directive INF 2023-05 Government Pension Income – October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

### **Legislative Authority**

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Ontario Regulation 316/19, s. 10(2)(3)