



## Durham Community Housing Directives

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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Government Pension Income April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022</b>
<b>Directive Number:</b>	<b>INF 2022-02</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>May 19, 2022</b>

### 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, depending on a senior's status (e.g., single or couple).

Rent-geared-to-income (RGI) tenants and co-op members who are eligible for biennial reviews will have their RGI increased by \$9 (single pensioners) and \$28 (total for couples where both are receiving OAS) for biennial RGI reviews conducted on or after April 1, 2022.

### Guaranteed Income Levels

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The Guaranteed Income Levels for the benefit period April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 have increased from the previous quarter:

<b>Single pensioners:</b>	\$1,700.53 monthly \$20,406.36 annually
<b>Qualified couples (per person):</b>	\$1,314.87 monthly \$15,778.44 annually

The complete benefit tables are available on the [Ministry of Revenue's web site](http://www.ontario.ca/gains) at [www.ontario.ca/gains](http://www.ontario.ca/gains).

## **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 age 65 years) 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 April 1, 2022, the automatic RGI increase is:

- \$9 for a single person with OAS and GIS
- \$28 for a couple with OAS and GIS (total for both people).

## **Updates**

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GAINS tables are updated quarterly and posted to the Ministry of Finance's website the first week of January, April, July and October.

The Housing Services Division will continue to notify housing providers as the GAINS tables are updated, including automatic increases in RGI for biennial reviews.

## **Effective Date**

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This directive is effective April 1, 2022.

## **Repealed Rules**

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This directive replaces Durham Community Housing Directive INF 2022-01 Government Pension Income – January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022.

## **Legislative Authority**

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