

Housing Division Notice

Date: May 26, 2009

HDN# 2009 - 146

This applicable legislation/policy is to be implemented by the housing provider(s) under the following programs:

Please note, if your program is **not checked**, this change is **not applicable** to your project.

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- Federal Non-Profit Housing Program
- Private Non-Profit Housing Program
- Co-operative Non-Profit Housing Program
- Municipal Non-Profit Housing Program (Pre-1986)
- Local Housing Corporation

Subject: LOCAL RULE FOR ADDING TO ORIGINAL LIST OF HOUSING PREFERENCES (REPLACES HDN# 2005-89)

After a household has been on the centralized waiting list and the household subsequently adds another housing project to their list of preferences, the application date for that project is the original date of application for rent-geared-to-income assistance. **This rule also applies to overhoused or underhoused households already living in rent-geared-to-income assisted housing.**

Background:

Further to an extensive consultation process, changes to local eligibility rules for rent-geared-to-income assistance were approved by Municipal Council on May 4, 2009.

Change:

This change simplifies the administration of the centralized waiting list for subsidized housing and eliminates confusion in the legislated local centralized waiting list system. A **one-date application system** for subsidized housing will also reduce additional barriers to access subsidized housing by accommodating uncontrollable changes in life circumstances or individual housing preferences.

Action:

This change is consistent with the treatment of overhoused or underhoused households in a separate local rule under O. Reg. 298/01.

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Attachment: Housing Provider Reference Sheet on Generating a Waitlist in Yardi