

Applying for Homeless Status

FACT SHEET

Purpose

To provide an increased opportunity for placement on the affordable housing waiting list to households that are homeless.

Description

Homeless status is given to a household that meets at least one of the following criteria:

- Person living on the street (no shelter)
- Person living in substandard housing which has been condemned by the municipality
- Person whose housing has recently been destroyed by fire or natural disaster
- Person living with family or friends on a temporary basis for a period not longer than six months
- Person awaiting release from hospital or other treatment facility who cannot return to their former home
- Families whose children will not be returned by a child protection agency until adequate housing is provided, and lack of housing is the only outstanding custody issue



NRH cannot make a decision if a request for Homeless status is not complete.

A request for Homeless status is considered complete if all of the following criteria are met:

- **The request has been signed by the applicant**
- **There is a letter from an eligible professional attached to the request**

Requirements

Applicants that have Homeless status:

- Must choose a minimum of three housing communities within their municipality
- Will be made one offer of housing. If the applicant refuses the offer, Homeless status will be removed from their application and they will be placed on the waiting list using the original application date

contact

For further information regarding Homeless status contact 905-682-9201, ext. 3928 or visit our website at www.nrh.ca.

Any other inquiries, contact us at 905-682-9201 or 1-800-232-3292. Fax: 905-935-0476

Applicants housed under Homeless status who deliberately provide false or inaccurate information for the purpose of receiving rent-geared-to-income assistance may have their rent-geared-to-income assistance terminated.

A percentage of vacancies are offered to applicants that are homeless.