



# Notice No: 09-04

**APPLICABLE TO:**

**DATE:** February 19, 2009

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**SUBJECT:     Amendment to SHRA Regulations 298/01, 339/01 & 368/01**

**Background**

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing has announced Regulation amendments under the *Social Housing Reform Act 2000 (SHRA)*.

Ontario Regulation 298/01

The following change applies to *Local Eligibility Rules, Income & Asset Limits* (section 8):

- Item 23: Funds held in a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) shall not be included in household assets, for the purposes of determining eligibility for rent-geared-to-income (RGI).

The following change applies to *Adjusted Family Income* (section 50):

- Item 16.1 & 16.2: Contributions and withdrawals from a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) shall not be included in income, for the purposes of calculating RGI rents/housing charges.

Ontario Regulation 368/01

Table 6 of Ontario Regulation 368/01 has been amended to update the provincial Household Income and High Need Limits (HILs) based on updated (Fall 2008) information from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

Table 2					
Maximum Annual Household Income - Criteria for Determining High Need Household					
Area	Bachelor	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed
West Lincoln Twp.	\$12,600	\$15,900	\$19,200	\$21,000	\$24,600
Remainder of Niagara	\$13,200	\$16,800	\$20,100	\$25,200	\$28,500

This change came into force on February 1, 2009. Housing providers are required to use the revised HILs when completing their Provider Annual Information Return (PAIR) reports effective with their fiscal years ending February 28, 2009.

Table 6					
Household Income Limits – For Purposes of Determining Service Levels (SHRA, Clause 11)					
Area	Bachelor	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed
West Lincoln Twp.	\$21,000	\$26,500	\$32,000	\$35,000	\$41,000
Remainder of Niagara	\$22,000	\$28,000	\$33,500	\$42,000	\$47,500

**Note:** This change is effective February 2009.

### Ontario Regulation 339/01

Table 3 of Ontario Regulation 339/01 has been amended by removing the last two columns that reported cost indices for each of the Section 106 providers (100% RGI) in the table. This regulation change affects 2 housing providers in the Niagara region. Cost indices for regular and 100% RGI housing providers will be reported via an NRH Notice on an annual basis.

The full versions of the amendments can be found at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca).

### **Implementation**

The amendments are effective February 2009.

### **Housing Provider's Role**

Housing providers are required to make the necessary changes to their internal policies, procedures, forms and correspondence to ensure compliance with the regulation amendments.

Housing provider staff are required to forward this Notice to their board of directors for information purposes.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your Housing Administrator at (905) 682-9201.

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