
APPLICABLE TO:

DATE: May 24, 2012

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SUBJECT: Ontario Trillium Benefit (OTB)

BACKGROUND

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) recently announced changes in the payment installments for the following programs administered on behalf of the Province of Ontario:

- a) The Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit,
- b) The Ontario Sales Tax Credit, and
- c) The Northern Ontario Energy Credit.

The OTB was announced by the Province in its March 2011 budget, and is a combination of the three existing programs. Starting July 2012, the payment of these three programs will be combined and delivered on a monthly basis under the OTB to assist with households' day-to-day expenses. The OTB payments will be issued to eligible recipients on the 10th of each month, starting on July 10, 2012.

The OTB is considered excluded income for the purposes of calculating rent-geared-to-income, similar to the treatment of the individual tax credit programs. The complete list of excluded income is attached as Schedule A.

Housing Provider's Role

Housing Providers are to treat all OTB payments as excluded income for the purpose of calculating rent-geared-to-income.

Service Manager's Role

NRH will review compliance with this Notice during the operational review process.

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

Lora Beckwith, General Manager

Enclosure: Schedule A