



# Notice

No: 18-01

**APPLICABLE TO:**

**DATE: January 8, 2018**

- Municipal & Private Non Profit
- Co-operatives
- Federal Non Profits
- OCHAP/CSHP
- Rent Supplement

- Mandatory
- For Information

**Subject: Senior Citizens Government Pension Income (Jan. 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018)**

**Background:**

The Ministry of Finance has issued the new levels for the Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) for Ontario senior citizens.

The amounts are set out below for your reference and represent the maximum guaranteed monthly income amounts payable to eligible senior citizens for the period January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018.

**Benefit Period: January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018**

<b>Guaranteed Income Level</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annually</b>
Single Pensioners	\$1,545.89	\$ 18,550.68
Qualified Couples, Per Person	\$1,197.14	\$ 14,365.68

**Summary of Maximum Monthly Benefits**

<b>Benefit Program</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Qualified Couple Per Person</b>	<b>Qualified Couple Per Couple</b>
<b>OAS</b> - Old Age Security	\$ 586.66	\$ 586.66	\$ 1,173.32
<b>GIS</b> - Guaranteed Income Supplement	\$ 876.23	\$ 527.48	\$ 1,054.96
<b>GAINS</b> - Guaranteed Annual Income System	\$ 83.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 166.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,545.89</b>	<b>\$ 1,197.14</b>	<b>\$ 2,394.28</b>

The benefit tables are available on the Ministry of Finance website and are updated quarterly the first week of January, April, July, and October.

The website address is: <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca> . Look for publications GAINS Benefit Rate Tables.

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

Effective immediately Housing Providers are to ensure they are using the income amounts listed above when calculating rent geared to income or when deciding whether or not a household should pursue income they may be entitled to. Housing Providers will continue to verify all sources of income from source. (i.e., Income Securities Branch, Service Canada, T5's etc.)

### **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.

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