



Affordable Housing Waiting List

FACT SHEET

Purpose

Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) is responsible for maintaining an affordable housing waiting list for over 180 properties.

Description

By completing one application form, applicants have access to apply for several affordable housing options:

- Cooperative Housing Communities
- Non-Profit Housing Communities
- Housing Units owned & operated by Niagara Regional Housing
- Rent Supplement Program (Units within the private sector)
- Housing Allowance Program

In order to assist applicants to make appropriate housing selections, according to the needs of their household, NRH maintains a directory of affordable housing options, including;

- Locations within each municipality
- Size of units available
- Building Mandate (family, senior or integrated)
- Amenities & Services located in surrounding community
- Accessibility modifications to support those households with special needs

Non-profit and cooperative housing providers also offer units at an affordable market rent. Housing providers use a consistent method of selecting market tenants/members.



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Criteria For Eligible Applicants

- Household members must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada or refugee claimants
- No member of the household can be under a removal order under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) to leave Canada
- Applicants must be prepared to declare all household income to determine eligibility
- One member of the household must be 16 years of age or older
- There cannot be any money owing to any other affordable housing provider
- The applicant must be able to live independently, with or without support services
- No one in the household has been convicted of an offence in relation to rent-gear-to-income assistance
- Homeowners must agree to sell their home within 180 days after receiving rent-gear-to-income assistance

In order to ensure that applicants with existing arrears pay the outstanding balance, NRH manages a local arrears database and participates in a province-wide former tenant arrears database.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

How long will applicants have to wait for housing?

It is impossible to predict how long applicants will have to wait before housing becomes available. The length of time before a unit becomes available varies greatly depending on the locations chosen, the unit size required, and the number of applicants on the waiting list.

How are people chosen for housing?

The system for selecting households is based primarily on date of application. Special Priority status (victims of violence fleeing abuse), Health & Safety Priority status, or Homeless status may be given to applicants for these categories. Supporting documentation is always required.

What happens after an affordable housing application is processed?

Once the application is received, eligibility is assessed. Applicants will be notified in writing, within seven business days, advising of eligibility. If the application has been deemed eligible, the applicant will be placed on the waiting list(s) selected. If the application has been deemed ineligible, the applicant will be notified and the application will not be placed on the waiting list.

What should applicants do if information changes?

If there is a change in any of the information that has been provided, applicants are required to notify NRH within 10 business days of the change occurring. Keeping application information current helps to ensure placement once a suitable unit becomes available.

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For information regarding access to the Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) Affordable Housing Waiting List, contact: Supervisor, Housing Access, 905-682-9201, ext. 3928 or visit our website at www.nrh.ca.

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