



ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

SUBJECT:	Ineligibility Due to Rent-Geared to Income (RGI) Fraud	POLICY/PROCEDURE #: C-31
SECTION:	C- General Administration	
IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	April 2012	APPROVED BY: General Manager
REVISION DATE(S):		SIGNATURE: <i>Original Signed By Lora Beckwith, General Manager</i>
REASON FOR CHANGE:	Implementation of Housing Services Act (effective January 1, 2012)	
RELEVANT LEGISLATION:	Housing Services Act, 2011, O. Reg 367/11, section 36	

PURPOSE

To inform all Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) staff and housing providers of the mandatory requirements, local rules and requirements related to the new Housing Services Act (HSA) and associated regulations related to Rent Geared to Income (RGI) ineligibility.

BACKGROUND

Under the Social Housing Reform Act (SHRA), households were ineligible for rent-geared-to-income (RGI) if convicted of an offense under the Act, or a crime under the Criminal Code (Canada), or findings of misrepresentation by the Landlord and Tenant Board, related to the fraudulent receipt of RGI assistance. Under all of these circumstances, households were ineligible to apply for RGI for a 2 year period from the date of conviction.

The HSA now allows a local rule to be established, but this local rule cannot include findings of misrepresentation by the Landlord and Tenant Board. The 2 year penalty is to be imposed upon legal conviction under the Criminal Code (Canada) or legislation (SHRA or HSA) related to the fraudulent receipt of RGI only.

POLICY

A household is ineligible for RGI if convicted of an offense under the HSA, SHRA, or a crime under the Criminal Code (Canada) related to the fraudulent receipt of RGI. Convicted households will be ineligible to apply for RGI for a 2 year period from the date of conviction.