



The Seniors Housing Program for applicants and tenants

What is the Seniors Housing Program?

The Seniors Housing Program provides rental housing to individuals and couples who are 55 years of age or older. This program is available to seniors living in small communities in Saskatchewan that are ineligible for the Social Housing Program because of their incomes and assets.

The purpose of this handout

This Seniors Housing Program handout accompanies the Social Housing Program Handbook. As these programs share a number of common elements, this handout outlines the important differences between the Seniors Housing Program and the Social Housing Program. The page numbers included in this handout refer to the Social Housing Program Handbook.

Application

Applicants to the Seniors Housing Program complete the standard application form available from the local housing authority.

Program eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the eligibility criteria of the Social Housing Program, except for the income and asset eligibility criteria.

Gross household income

Gross household income is determined by using the same income inclusions and exclusion policies as the Social Housing Program. For the Seniors Housing Program, there is no income limit; however, income information is required for statistical purposes.

Household assets

Asset inclusions are determined in the same manner as for the Social Housing Program. For the Seniors Housing Program, there are no asset limits; however, asset information is required for statistical purposes.

Unit prioritization

Applicants are prioritized for a unit based on need. The method used to prioritize applicants is the same as for the Social Housing Program.

References

Applicants are required to provide references.

Allocation

Applicants may receive a unit if there are no eligible applicants for the Social Housing Program. Once a Seniors Housing Program tenant receives a unit, they will not be required to move, even if there are eligible Social Housing Program applicants.

Becoming a tenant

The policies regarding the lease, security deposit, tenant insurance, and transfers are the same for the Social Housing Program and Seniors Housing Program.

Rent

Rent is a fixed amount that is determined annually by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation. For Seniors Housing Program tenants, rent increases or decreases will be effective with one month's notice after the income review.

Heating allowance

Seniors Housing Program tenants are not eligible for a heating allowance.

Employment deduction

Seniors Housing Program tenants are not eligible for the employment deduction.

Income reviews

Income reviews are conducted annually by the housing authority. Seniors Housing Program tenants who experience a significant drop in income or assets may become eligible for the Social Housing Program.

Other sections

The sections of the Social Housing Handbook titled "Payment and arrears" (page 9), "Health and safety" (page 10), "Resolving issues" (page 11), and "Terminating a lease" (page 12) apply to the Seniors Housing Program.

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