

Social Housing Local Policy & Procedure Manual
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES
February 27, 2013

Section	Current Policy	Summary of Policy	Proposed Amendments
Section 2.3 Access	Centralized Waiting List	Policy speaks to the processes for eligible applications to be placed on the waiting list; applicant responsibilities i.e. reporting changes; general waiting list rules; selection process; application amendments.	<p>All references to Social Housing Reform Act (SHRA) are replaced with Housing Services Act (HSA). Removed any Regulatory References to SHRA.</p> <p>Amended timeframe for reporting changes from 15 to 30 days.</p> <p>Amended applicant updates from once every 12 months to once every 24 to agree with HAS.</p> <p>Added wording re: Direct Shelter Subsidy option of waiver to agree with DSS policy.</p>
Section 4.2 Tenant Policies	Internal Transfer Requests	Policy speaks to rules and waiting list ranking for tenant's requesting "transfer" within the portfolio.	<p>Amended Policy to clarify intention of policy as the original policy did not clarify the transfer request for medical/mobility was restricted to current location.</p> <p>Removed references to SHRA and replaced with Housing Services Act.</p> <p>Added wording pertaining to exchange agreements.</p>

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Section 4.9 Mobility Assistive Devices	<p align="center">NEW</p>	<p>Given the presence of mobility scooters in the buildings, the policy is to set out specific guidelines for on-site mobility devices with both the Landlord and Tenant obligations while ensuring safety of all residents.</p>	
Section 4.10 Tenant Policies Absence from Unit	<p align="center">NEW</p>	<p>To set a value for absence from the unit to ensure units are allocated for sitting residents. The value specified does not apply to medical absence.</p>	
Section 4.11 Tenant Policies Notification of Change	<p align="center">NEW</p>	<p>Amended timeframe for tenants to report changes to DSB from 15 days to 30 with discretion available to extend timeframe in order to avoid loss of subsidy.</p>	
Section 6.1 Bursary Program	<p align="center">Deleted Policy</p>	<p>The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Announced the discontinuation of the Dr Albert Rose Bursary Program effective January 1st, 2012</p>	
Section 9.1 Maximum Household Assets	<p align="center">NEW</p>	<p>Initiation of an Asset Limit policy will apply a cap to the assets of applicants on the waiting list at the eligibility stage. There are a number of excluded assets cited within the regulations.</p> <p>Please note that Policy “grandfathers” existing tenants.</p>	
Section 9.2 Maximum Household Income	<p align="center">NEW</p>	<p>To identify and specify Income Maximum levels to assist in Rent Geared to Income Eligibility determination.</p>	