



**Capital Region
Housing**

The Way Home

Direct Rent Supplement

Beginning January 2017, there will be important changes to the way that Capital Region Housing administers the Direct Rent Supplement.

Recipients of the Direct Rent Supplement will be allocated their subsidy amount based on the number of bedrooms required by the recipient household. The monthly amount will be calculated using the formula of 30% of the gross adjusted income of the household as defined in the Social Housing Accommodation Regulation and the rent paid according to the written tenancy agreement (or lease).

Recipient households will receive the difference between the calculated amount up to the maximum amount for the required bedroom size.

For existing Direct Rent Supplement recipients who live in units where the maximum allocation amount is changing, the change will occur upon their Annual Income Review being processed. **All those who are to receive a new amount will be backdated to January 1, 2017.**

Maximum amount allocated will be as follows:

- Bachelor or 1 Bedroom**
\$500 per month maximum
- 2 Bedrooms**
\$600 per month maximum
- 3 Bedrooms**
\$700 per month maximum
- 4 + Bedrooms**
\$800 per month maximum

If you have any questions about these changes and how they may affect your subsidy, or to discuss your new entitlement payments, contact your Rent Supplement Clerk.

FOR EXAMPLE



Maria has **2 children** and they live in a **3 bedroom apartment**. Maria makes **\$2500 per month** after

adjusting her income.

30% of her gross adjusted income is **\$750**.

Given her rent is \$1,400, she would then **receive \$650 a month from Capital Region Housing** to help with her rent.

If Maria is a **NEW** Direct Rent Supplement recipient, she will begin to receive **\$650** per month after her Direct Rent Supplement Agreement has been signed.

If Maria is an **EXISTING** Direct Rent Supplement recipient and her Annual Income Review is due October 1, 2017, she will be paid:

- **\$650** per month upon the completion of her Annual Income Review; this will be her monthly entitlement.
- **\$150** per month for 9 months (October 2016 to September 2017). The \$150 per month is retroactive and is the difference between the new entitlement of \$650 and the old entitlement of \$500.