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Changes to Ontario Works Shelter Allowance for Regional Rent Assistance Program Rent Benefit Calculations

Background

The Regional Rent Assistance Program was designed to provide affordable housing to low income households in communities built under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (AHP) and the Investment in Affordable Housing Program (IAH).

Under the Regional Rent Assistance Program, the Rent Benefit is calculated once a year based on the income reported on line 150 of the income tax return for each adult in the household and/or the Maximum Shelter Allowance for adults receiving Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

What's changed?

The Maximum Shelter Allowance for OW recipients has changed. Table 2 of the *Regional Rent Assistance Guide to Calculating a Rent Benefit* should be updated. (Note: ODSP maximum shelter allowances have not changed.) Please use the updated Table 2 below for any Rent Benefit calculations made after November 1, 2014.

Table 2 - Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Shelter Allowance Table (effective October 1, 2014 for OW and November 20, 2012 for ODSP)

Benefit Unit (Family) Size	Maximum Shelter Allowance	
	Ontario Works	Ontario Disability Support Program
One	\$376	\$479
Two	\$602	\$753
Three	\$655	\$816
Four	\$710	\$886
Five	\$766	\$956
Six or more	\$793	\$990

Please contact your Program Co-ordinator, Christine Zarebski at (905) 830-4444 ext. 72064 or Heather Simpson at (905) 830-4444 ext. 72142 should you have any questions.

