

Are you eligible for affordable housing?

Under the Affordable Housing Program, **affordable rental units** are allocated only to those households that meet the specified program income criteria prior to the household’s move-in date. Under the terms of the agreement with the City of Toronto, Toronto Community Housing must confirm the applicant’s income is at or below the *initial income limit*.

To be at or below the *initial income limit*, an applicant’s household’s income must be at or below four times the annualized monthly occupancy cost for the housing unit.

Monthly occupancy costs include:

- the monthly rent payable to the landlord, and
- the monthly charges for hydro, heat, water and hot water that apply to that unit

Occupancy costs do not include charges for parking, cable, telephone or any other similar charges.

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Calculation guide:

Rent + applicable utilities	Income limit when signing lease
Rent for applicable bedroom size: Rent x 4 x 12 months =	\$ _____

Example: *If the occupancy cost is \$1,000 per month, the household income limit is \$48,000 per year. $\$1,000 \times 4 \times 12 = \$48,000$*

Toronto Community Housing only documents and determines the household income once, which is before the household moves into the affordable rental unit.



Eligibility Criteria

- At least one member of the household is 16 years of age or older
- At least one member of the household is able to live independently, with or without support services
- Each member of the household is:
 - a Canadian citizen
 - a permanent resident of Canada or has applied for permanent resident status, or
 - a refugee claimant or Convention refugee.
- No Removal Order has become enforceable against any member of a household. A Removal Order means you cannot legally remain in Canada and you must leave the country.
- No member of the household owes arrears to any social housing provider.
- At initial occupancy, total household income must not exceed four times the annual equivalent of the monthly occupancy cost for the unit.
- If a member of a household owns or has an interest in a residential property that can be lived in year-round, the household is not eligible for an affordable housing unit.

How do we allocate unit size?

Unit size is determined in accordance with the Local Occupancy Rules set by the City of Toronto. In order to qualify, each household member can have a bedroom except spouses and common law partners who share a bedroom. No more than two persons per bedroom