

**Hastings County Community and Human Services
Housing Services
Administrative Policies and Procedures**

SUBJECT : Misrepresentation of Income Policy		
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PURPOSE

A household who misrepresents their income is ineligible to receive rent geared-to-income (RGI) assistance for a period not less than two years (provincial standard).

SCOPE

This policy applies to *Housing Services Act, 2011* Part VII Prescribed Housing Programs and the Hastings Local Housing Corporation.

REQUIREMENT

A service manager may make a local eligibility rule providing that a household is ineligible for rent-geared-to-income assistance if a member of the household has been convicted of:

- a) An offence under section 55 of the Act or section 85 of the former Act; or
- b) A crime under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) in relation to the receipt of rent-geared-to-income assistance. O. Reg. 367/11, s. 36 (1).
- c) The local eligibility rule must not provide for a household to be ineligible in respect of a conviction that occurred more than two years before the determination of ineligibility. O. Reg. 367/11, s. 36 (2).

RESPONSIBILITY

A household who misrepresents their income is ineligible to apply for or receive RGI assistance for two years.

Exemptions to this rule may be made if the Service Manager determines that no member of the household knew that the individual who was convicted of the offence or crime was committing it or the member of the household knew that the individual who was convicted of the offence or crime

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was committing it, but the member was not reasonably able to prevent the individual from committing it. If the Service Manager determines that the member found to have made the misrepresentation is an abused member of a special priority household who was forced to make the misrepresentation by the abusing individual they would be exempt from this rule.

Note: A household must be convicted of misrepresentation of income in a court of law or have a decision granted at the Landlord and Tenant Board that they misrepresented their income.

REFERENCES

Housing Services Act, 2011
Ontario Regulation 367/11 s. 36