



Social Housing Directives

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Occupancy Standards	Cease to Meet Occupancy Standards	January 2013

PURPOSE:

A Service Manager may make a local rule that would make households who are in a larger unit than they are eligible for, ineligible for Rent-Geared-to-Income subsidy. The household must not be declared ineligible until at last one year after being notified that they no longer meet the occupancy standards and they cannot be declared ineligible if they are following the Service Manager's process to move to a different sized unit.

HOUSING SERVICES ACT:

A Service Manager may make a local eligibility rule providing for a household to cease to be eligible for rent-geared-to-income assistance if the household occupies a unit that is larger than the largest size permissible under the Service Manager's occupancy standards (367/11 s. 38).

POLICY:

Households who are in a larger unit than they are eligible for will be placed on the Wait List for an appropriately sized unit for all buildings in their selected geographic area and/or a requested municipality in the service area once notified that they no longer meet the occupancy standards.

The Housing Provider will inform the Service Manager that the household ceases to meet occupancy standards.

Households who cease to meet occupancy standards will be given priority on the Wait List for a smaller unit over other applicants.

The household cannot be ineligible for Rent-Geared-to-Income assistance until at least one year after being notified that they no longer meet the occupancy standards.

The over-housed household can refuse offers of three smaller units in their selected geographic area, after which the household will be given notice to pay market rent on their current occupied unit.



The over-housed household cannot be declared ineligible for Rent-Geared-to-Income assistance if they are following the Service Manager's process to move to a different sized unit.

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