



Housing Services Notice

Date: January 15, 2021

HSN#: 2021-02

This applicable legislation/policy is to be implemented effective this date by the housing provider(s) under the following programs:

Please note, if your program is **not checked**, this change is **not applicable** to your project.

- Federal Section 95 Non-Profit Housing Program
- Federal Section 26/27 Housing Program
- Federal Urban Native Non-Profit Housing Program
- Private Non-Profit Housing Program (Provincial Reformed)
- Municipal Non-Profit Housing Program (Pre-1986)
- Local Housing Corporation
- Rent Supplement Programs
- Affordable Housing Program (AHP)/Investment in Affordable Housing Program (IAH)/Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF)
- Housing Access (Centralized Waiting List Services)

Subject: Ontario Temporarily Pauses Residential Evictions

Reference: Ontario News Release, January 14, 2021
Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Background:

The Ontario government has issued an emergency order to temporarily pause the enforcement of residential evictions and ensure people are not forced to leave their homes during the provincial declaration of emergency and while the stay-at-home-order is in force.

The Landlord and Tenant Board will continue to hear eviction applications and issue orders, but the enforcement of eviction orders will be postponed for the duration of the emergency order, except in urgent situations – such as for illegal activity. This includes orders issued, but not carried out, before the emergency order came into effect.

In urgent circumstances, an eviction may proceed if the Board requests the Sheriff's Office to expedite the enforcement of an eviction.

The residential evictions pause is linked to the provincial declaration of emergency. The government will continue to extend the eviction pause to align with the declaration of emergency.

Action:

Housing providers will be unable to enforce eviction orders for the duration of the current declaration of emergency in the Province of Ontario (with the exception of urgent circumstances as determined by the Landlord and Tenant Board). Landlords are encouraged to continue to try and work with tenants to establish fair arrangements wherever possible.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other Housing Services Notice, please contact the Housing Services Administrator assigned to your portfolio:

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