

DNSSAB Housing Services
Local Housing Policy

LHP - 2020-11

SUBJECT:	Deferral/Forgiveness of Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) Rent		
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PURPOSE

To inform all housing stakeholders of the local rule, background and compliance standard under the Housing Services Act, 2011 (HSA) and associated regulations related to deferral/forgiveness of Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) assistance.

BACKGROUND

The Housing Services Act, 2011 s. 51, states that Service Managers may establish rules for the deferral or forgiveness of RGI assistance.

LOCAL RULE

If an offer of RGI housing prevents a tenant from giving the legally (Residential Tenancies Act (RTA)) required 60 days' notice to the current landlord then the Housing Provider may allow for up to one (1) month of rent forgiveness to the incoming tenant.

The Housing Provider shall record this as an RGI unit with zero (\$0.00) rent for that month and the Service Manager shall reimburse the RGI subsidy to the Housing Provider up to the benchmark market rent at the time of reconciliation.

Definitions:

- a. **Deferral** of RGI rent is the delaying of rental payments to a later date.
- b. **Forgiveness** of RGI rent is the forfeiture of a rental payment.



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SUBJECT: Maximum Absences from Unit (continued)

ACTION

That Housing Providers implement the new Local Housing Policy - *Maximum Absences from Unit* - LHP - 2020-11.

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