

## 1. Authority

1.1. This Policy is issued under the authority of the Yukon Housing Corporation ("YHC") Board of Directors.

1.2. Housing Corporation Act, RSY 2002, c. 114:

- 4 (2) Without restricting the generality of subsection (1), the corporation may undertake, carry to completion, or assist in the provision, development, maintenance, and management of housing
- (a) generally;
  - (b) for families and individuals;
  - (c) for employees of the public service;
  - (d) for students;
  - (e) for senior citizens; and
  - (f) for families and individuals receiving social allowances or social assistance.

## 2. Application

2.1. This Policy applies to YHC housing units rented out under the Rent Geared to Income Housing Program (the "Program")

## 3. Purpose

3.1. The purpose of this Policy is to explain how seniors' age of eligibility is determined under the Program for the purposes of the Rent Geared to Income Residential Tenancy Agreement.

3.2. The purpose of this policy is to identify seniors as a target group of applicants for the Rent Geared to Income Housing Program.

## 4. Policy

4.1. The minimum age of eligibility for seniors applying for the Rent Geared to Income Housing Program shall be 65 years, or 55 years for those with disability and/or mobility challenges.

## 5. Definitions

5.1. For the purpose of social housing, a senior is an individual who, at the time of application, is:

- a) 65 years of age or older; or
- b) 55 or older has a verified disability and/or mobility challenge

5.2. For the purpose of this policy, a disability or mobility challenge is defined as any severe health condition that is, or is expected to be, of a prolonged nature and for which the required use of stairs by the person to access and egress the home or to function independently in the home would present a major health risk or impediment.

## 6. Eligibility

6.1. Applicant households for seniors applying for the Rent Geared to Income Housing Program must meet standard YHC eligibility criteria and have one household member who meets the definition of a senior as outlined in 5.1.

6.2. In order to be considered eligible for the Rent Geared to Income Housing Program under this policy, applicants 55 or older must have a disability and/or mobility challenge as defined in 5.2.

6.3. Any applicant household that does not meet the definition of a seniors' household will be treated as a non-senior applicant household.

## 7. Verification

7.1. Yukon Housing Corporation has the right to verify age and residency. Applicant households must provide proof of date of birth through a verification document including, but not limited to, a birth certificate, driver's license, or passport.

Verification of residency will be examined through a combination of information as supplied by the applicant that is found to be sufficient by YHC staff.

These may include but are not limited to:

- a) Income tax information provided which shows residency;
- b) Receipt of social assistance verification and/or employment verification; and/or
- c) Statutory Declaration of residency



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