

Communiqué

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The Requirements, Recommendations and Guidelines in this Communiqué are applicable to the social housing providers administered by the City of Hamilton.

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SUBJECT: 2026 Rent Increase Guideline

BACKGROUND:

The Government of Ontario has released its rent increase guideline for 2026. The 2026 guideline will be 2.1 per cent and is effective from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

The annual guideline is the maximum amount that most landlords can increase a tenant's rent without making an application to the Landlord and Tenant Board.

Please see [Residential rent increases | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/residential-rent-increases) for further details and updates.

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