



Communiqué

Issue 2026-03

February 12, 2026

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All Providers Under <i>Housing Services Act, 2011</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not for Profit Providers Under <i>Housing Services Act, 2011</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-Operative Providers Under <i>Housing Services Act, 2011</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Providers in receipt of Rent Supplements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access to Housing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requirement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommendation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guidelines
<input type="checkbox"/>	For Information Purposes Only

SUBJECT: 2026 Housing Income Limits and High Needs Income Limits

BACKGROUND:

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved amendments to Ontario Regulation 370/11 under the *Housing Services Act, 2011* to update the annual Household Income Limits (HILs) and High Need Income Limits (HNILS) for 2026.

The updated Household Income Limits and High Need Income Limits are based on information provided by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is under the Social Housing Agreement, 1999. The amended regulation is available through the following link:

[O. Reg. 370/11 HIGH NEED HOUSEHOLDS AND HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS - SUBSECTION 40 \(4\) OF THE ACT | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/260003)

These new limits came into effect on January 1, 2026.

2026 Household Income Limits for Hamilton				
Bachelor Unit	1 Bdrm Unit	2 Bdrm Unit	3 Bdrm Unit	4 Bdrm Unit or Larger
\$41,500	\$56,000	\$65,500	\$71,000	\$83,500

2026 High Needs Income Limits for Hamilton				
Bachelor Unit	1 Bdrm Unit	2 Bdrm Unit	3 Bdrm Unit	4 Bdrm Unit or Larger
\$24,900	\$33,600	\$39,300	\$42,600	\$50,100



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Please update all information to reflect the new Household Income Limits and High Needs Income Limits. Should you have any questions, please contact your HAO:

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