



## **Occupancy Standards for Rent-Geared-to-Income Households**

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### **Largest unit**

27. (1) The largest unit a household is eligible for is determined in accordance with this section.
- (2) The largest unit a household is eligible for is a unit that has,
- a) one bedroom for any two members of the household who are spouses of each
  - b) other or same sex partners of each other;
  - c) one bedroom for each additional member of the household; and
  - d) any additional bedrooms under subsection (3) below
- (3) The additional bedrooms referred to in clause (2) (c) are the following:
- i) An additional bedroom if one of the spouses or same sex partners referred to in clause (2) (a) requires a separate bedroom because of a disability or medical condition.
  - ii) An additional bedroom if the room is required to store equipment required by a member of the household because of a disability or medical condition.
  - iii) An additional bedroom if the bedroom is required to accommodate an individual who is not a member of the household and who provides a member of the household with support services that are required because of the member's disability or medical condition.
  - iv) An additional bedroom if a member of the household is pregnant.
  - v) An additional bedroom if,
    1. a member of the household has joint custody over a child who is not a member of the household,
    2. the member is required to provide accommodation for the child, and
    3. the bedroom is required to accommodate the child.
  - vi) An additional bedroom if, a member of the household has visiting rights with respect to a child who is not a member of the household,
    - i. it is a condition of the member's visiting rights that the member must provide adequate accommodation for the child when the child stays overnight with the member,
    - ii. the child will stay overnight with the member frequently, and
    - iii. the bedroom is required to accommodate the child.
- (4) An additional bedroom shall be included under clause (2)(c), only if the household requests it.

### **Smallest unit**

28. (1) The smallest unit a household is eligible for is determined in accordance with this section.
- (2) The smallest unit a household is eligible for is a unit that has,
- (a) one bedroom for every two members of the household; and

- (b) an additional bedroom if there is an odd number of members in the household.
- (3) Despite subsection (2), if the household consists of one individual or two individuals who are spouses of each other or same sex partners of each other, the smallest unit the household is eligible for is a bachelor unit.

**Students living away from household**

29. For greater certainty for the purpose of this Part, a child of a member of the household is a member of the household if the child,
- (a) is in full-time attendance at a recognized educational institution and, while in attendance, does not live with the household;
  - (b) lives with the household while not attending that educational institution; and
  - (c) is dependent, in whole or in part, on the household for financial support.