

Lambton County Community Services Housing Services Department Policy and Procedure Manual

SUBJECT: Priority – RGI Assistance		INDEX NO.: 1.004
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Policy: (O. Reg. 298/01 sec 41 and 42)

There are three priority categories for Rent geared-to-income (RGI) assistance in Lambton County. They are:

- Special Priority for Victims of Abuse (see Index 1.9)
- RGI - which includes applicants with income below the Household Income Limit as outlined in O. Reg. 368/01
- Current occupants residing in Market Rent Units and current occupants residing in Rent geared to income units paying market rent

Procedure:

Each applicant will be ranked within the priority categories. Once the applicant is determined eligible for RGI assistance the applicant is added to the centralized waiting list by the date the household applied for RGI assistance. A household ranks higher than another household with a later ranking date does.

Households deemed eligible for Special Priority rank higher than those in other categories. A Special Priority household ranks higher than another special priority household does if it is determined that a member of the first household is at greater risk of being abused than the members of the other household. If the abused member of a special needs household lives with the abusing individual, that household ranks higher than another special priority household who does not live with the abusing individual. The special priority ranking date will be the date the household requested to be included in the special priority category and will be ranked higher than another special priority household with a later special priority ranking date.

Current households residing in Market Rent Units who apply and are deemed eligible for RGI assistance will be ranked by the date they originally applied for housing. This category does not apply to households who were in receipt of RGI assistance but have had their assistance withdrawn for cause. They must make application for rent-geared-to income assistance and once deemed eligible will be ranked by the date the application is received.