

Policy – Residency Requirement

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 residency is determined under the Program.
- 3.2 The purpose of this policy is to ensure applicants meet a Yukon residency requirement that also recognizes former periods of residency in Yukon as eligibility criteria for social housing.

4. Policy

- 4.1 Applicants must be Yukon residents in order to qualify for the Rent Geared to Income Housing Program except as identified in Exemptions (Section 5).
- 4.2 An applicant is considered a resident of the Yukon if they have resided in the Yukon for 12 continuous months prior to application.

5. Exemptions

- 5.1 Victims of Violence applicants are exempt from the residency requirement as stated in the approved YHC Victims of Violence Policy.

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- 5.2 If there are no applicants on a wait list within a community and there is more than one vacant Rent Geared to Income Housing Program unit available and no pending applications, the residency requirement will be waived with the approval of the local Housing Advisory Board.
- 5.3 Applicant households where one or more household members have lived in Yukon in the last 10 years will be given a one month reduction in the residency requirement for each year lived in Yukon. The maximum deduction allowed is 10 months. The applicant household must provide verification of former residency.

6. Verification

- 6.1 YHC has the right to verify residency. 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 that shows residency;
- b) Receipt of social assistance verification and/or employment verification; and/or
- c) Statutory declaration of residency.

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