

**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 seniors’ age of eligibility is determined under the Program for the purposes of the Rent Geared to Income Residential Tenancy Agreement.
- 3.2 The purpose of this policy is to identify seniors as a target group of applicants for the Rent Geared to Income Housing Program.

**4. Policy**

- 4.1 The minimum age of eligibility for seniors applying for the Rent Geared to Income Housing Program shall be 65 years, or 55 years for those with disability and/or mobility challenges.

**5. Definitions**

- 5.1 For the purpose of social housing, a senior is an individual who, at the time of application, is:
  - a) 65 years of age or older; or
  - b) 55 or older and has a verified disability and/or mobility challenge.
- 5.2 For the purpose of this policy, a disability or mobility challenge is defined as any severe health condition that is, or is expected to be, of a prolonged nature and for which the required use of stairs by the person to access and egress the

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home or to function independently in the home would present a major health risk or impediment.

### 6. Eligibility

- 6.1 Applicant households for seniors applying for the Rent Geared to Income Housing Program must meet standard YHC eligibility criteria and have one household member who meets the definition of a senior as outlined in 5.1.
- 6.2 In order to be considered eligible for the Rent Geared to Income Housing Program under this policy, applicants 55 or older must have a disability and/or mobility challenge as defined in 5.2.
- 6.3 Any applicant household that does not meet the definition of a seniors' household will be treated as a non-senior applicant household.

### 7. Verification

- 7.1 Yukon Housing Corporation has the right to verify age and residency. Applicant households must provide proof of date of birth through a verification document including, but not limited to, a birth certificate, driver's license, or passport.

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 which shows residency;
- b) Receipt of social assistance verification and/or employment verification; and/or
- c) Statutory Declaration of residency.

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