

**Hastings County Community and Human Services
Housing Services
Administrative Policies and Procedures**

SUBJECT : Special Priority applicants applying with arrears for a third time (or more)		
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PURPOSE

To set in place a policy to deal with Special Priority applicants who apply to live in Social Housing in Hastings County 3 or more times with arrears from a former Social Housing tenancy in Hastings County.

SCOPE

This policy applies to *Housing Services Act, 2011*, Part VII Prescribed Housing Programs and the Hastings Local Housing Corporation.

REQUIREMENT

A Service Manager's system for selecting households must include rules that permit a housing provider, despite any other rule, to not offer a household a unit in a housing project if the housing provider has reasonable grounds to believe, based on the household's rental history, that the household may fail to fulfil its obligations to pay rent for the unit in the amount and at the times the rent is due.

RESPONSIBILITY

A household qualifying for SPP status will be able to move into social housing without paying their arrears two times. They will have to agree to a repayment plan and if the agreement is breached, they will cease to be eligible for subsidy.

A household qualifying for SPP and applying for a third (or more) time to live in social housing in Hastings will be required to fully repay their arrears before they can be housed.

REFERENCES

Housing Services Act, 2011
Regulation 367/11 s. 50