



Application for Below Market Rent Housing in Ottawa

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This application is for a new program called the Below Market Rent program. The units provided in this program have been developed through the City of Ottawa's affordable housing program, Action Ottawa, and are affordable to low and moderate-income households.

Your rent in the Below Market Rent program (BMR) is **not** rent-geared-to-income. You will pay rent at a fixed rate of up to 80% of the Average Market Rent in this program.

In order to be eligible to apply for Below Market Rent units, your household income will need to fall within certain limits set by the City of Ottawa. Registry staff can advise you if you meet this requirement.

1. Eligibility Rules

To be eligible for Below Market Rent housing, you must meet all of the following conditions:

- All members of the household must be a Canadian citizen, Landed Immigrant, Refugee or Refugee Claimant.
- No member of the household is currently under a deportation, departure or exclusion order to leave Canada.
- At least 1 person in your household must be 16 years of age and older.
- No member of the household owes money to any social housing provider.
- No member of the household has been convicted of an offence in relation to rent-geared-to-income assistance or found by a court of law or the Landlord and Tenant Board to have misrepresented their income for the purpose of rent-geared-to-income assistance.
- If you own a house, you must agree to sell it within 180 days of being housed.
- You must be able to live independently, and make your own arrangements for support services.

2. Additional Information

- You must report any changes to this information directly to The Registry.
- You must update your application at least once per year with The Registry.
- **Failing to provide updated information will result in the cancellation of your file.**
- The system for selecting households is based on the date of your application.
- You are only entitled to **3 offers** of housing. If all offers are refused the file will be cancelled.
- If you are on the waiting list for Rent-geared-to-income (RGI) housing, you will not lose your place if you accept a Below Market Rent unit.
- The information you give us on this form and your attached documents will be used to determine your eligibility for Below Market Rent housing. Some housing providers may need more information.

5. Housing Preferences

The size of the unit you qualify for will depend on the size and special needs of your household.

There is a shortage of larger units, and larger households may be given priority for them.

Are you willing to have any of your children share a bedroom? Yes No

As a single person, would you also consider a bachelor apartment? Yes No

Do you require parking? (subject to availability and additional fees) Yes No

Do you or any member of your household have special housing needs due to serious health reasons or disabilities? Yes No Who? _____

Please describe: _____

6. Below Market Rent Providers

Please check the Below Market Rent Provider you are interested in (you may check more than one):
SEE MAP, p. 6

 The community has been designated as Smoke-Free.

Central

- Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (CCOC)
 - Beaver Barracks - Argyle (*bachelor apts; 1, 2 bedroom apts.*) 
 - Beaver Barracks - Catherine (*bachelor apts.*) 
 - Beaver Barracks - Metcalfe (*bachelor apts; 1 bedroom apts.*) 
- Clarence View (*bachelor apts.; 1, 2 bedroom apts.*)
- Multifaith Housing Initiative
 - Kent House (*bachelor apts; 1 bedroom apts.*)
 - Somerset Gardens (*1 bedroom apts.*)

East

- Multifaith Housing Initiative
 - Blake House (*bachelor apts.; 1, 2, 3 bedroom apts.*)
- Unity Non –Profit Housing (formally OCISO)
 - Presland (*3 bedroom townhouses*)
- Ottawa Community Housing
 - Den Haag (*1, 2, 3 bedroom apts.; 4 bedroom townhouses*) 

West

- Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (CCOC)
 - Primrose (*bachelor apts.*)
- Ottawa Community Housing
 - Carlington (*Seniors 65+; 1 bedroom apts.*) 

South

- Ottawa Community Housing
 - Ashgrove (*3 bedroom apts.; 4 bedroom townhouses*) 
- Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Seniors' Village (*Seniors 65+; bachelor apts.; 1 bedroom apts.*) 
- The King's Daughters and Sons (*Seniors 65+ only; bachelor apts.; 1 bedroom apts.*) 

Nepean

- Nepean Housing
 - Pallister Court (*1 bedroom stacked townhouses; 2, 3 bedroom townhouses*) 
- Multifaith Housing Initiative
 - The Haven (*1, 2, 3 bedroom apts.; 2, 3 bedroom townhouses*) 

Gloucester

Gloucester Housing Corporation

Fiona Faucher Place (1, 2, 3 bedroom stacked townhouses) 

Bruyère Village (Seniors only; 1 bedroom apts.) 

Cumberland

Cumberland Non-Profit Housing

Coburn Heights (2, 3, 4, 5 bedroom townhouses)

7. Housing Co-operatives

What is a housing co-op?

Housing Co-operatives, or co-ops, are different from other forms of non-profit housing. When you live in a housing co-op, you become a member. There is no landlord, the members manage the property themselves and vote on important matters at meetings. Co-op members must usually volunteer at least 4 hours per month.

Who lives in a housing co-op?

Co-ops are open to everyone. When you apply to live in a co-op, you will have to meet certain criteria that the co-op will verify during an interview. Some typical criteria are:

- commitment to participation in the community
- interest in co-op living
- financial responsibility
- interest in living in a diverse community
- willingness to follow co-op by-laws

Before your name is added to a co-op's waiting list for housing, there will be some ADDITIONAL STEPS to your application, such as:

- each co-op will require more information about you (you may have to fill out another more detailed form, available from the co-ops)
- some co-ops may ask you to come to an information session (you must attend an information session in order to be considered for housing at those co-ops)
- landlord and credit checks will be done by most co-ops
- you will be interviewed by members of each co-op that you apply to, to discuss the rights and responsibilities of living in a co-op. If your application is accepted, your name will be added to that co-op's waiting list for housing.

Please indicate the co-op(s) you wish to apply to:

South

McLean Cooperative

(1, 2 bedroom apts.; 3 bedroom townhouses)

Nepean

Eastern Ontario Christian Senior Citizens Housing Cooperative

(Seniors 65+ only, bachelor apts.; 1, 2 bedroom apts.) 

Kanata

Blue Heron Cooperative

(bachelor apts; 1, 2 bedroom apts.; 3 bedroom townhouses)

Here is your legal agreement with us. Please read it carefully, and sign in the space below.

8. Release and Consent; Declaration

Release and Consent

1. I understand that there are laws that allow The Registry to collect personal information about me.
2. I understand that The Registry will use the information I give them to see if I qualify for the housing I have applied for.
3. I allow The Registry to give the information on this form and any attachments to the social services offices, other municipal service managers or district social services administration boards, housing providers, or the Housing Services Corporation for former tenant arrears without further notice to me, if the information is necessary for the purpose of making decisions or verifying eligibility for assistance under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997*, or the *Day Nurseries Act*.
4. I allow The Registry to give the information on this form and any attachments to the government of Canada, a department, ministry, or agency of it, without further notice to me if the information is necessary for the purpose of administering or enforcing the *Income Tax Act (Canada)* or the *Immigration Act*.
5. I allow The Registry to give the information on this form and any attachments to any government or body with whom The Registry has made an agreement under the *Affordable Housing Strategy* without further notice to me, for the purpose of conducting research related to a social benefit program or social housing or rent-geared-to-income assistance program.
6. I understand that any information on this form and any attachment given by The Registry to a body listed above is confidential and will only be given in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and associated regulations.

Declaration

1. I give my word that everything I have written in this application is correct and complete.
2. I understand that all information I give to The Registry will belong to them and they will give my information to the housing providers I have chosen.
3. If something on this application is incorrect or not true, The Registry or the housing providers I have applied to may request additional information, may cancel my application or both.
4. I understand that only the people I have listed on this application form may live with me in Below Market Rent housing.
5. I understand that The Registry will use the information I give them to see if I qualify for the housing I have applied for, to see if I continue to qualify for Below Market Rent assistance and to see how much assistance I am eligible for.
6. I give my word that I am in Canada legally.
7. Before I can receive housing, I understand that I must pay back or make arrangements to pay any money I owe to any social housing provider.
8. I understand that I must report any changes to this information directly to The Registry.
9. I must update my application with The Registry at least once per year. **Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of your file.**

“Personal information contained in this form or in attachments is collected by The Registry pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (R.S.O. 1990 c. F.31)* or the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (R.S.O. 1990 c.M.56)*. This information may be used to determine eligibility for housing applied to, continuation of housing and may be used for the appropriate rent-geared-to-income charge.”

The Privacy Officer for The Registry is the Executive Director. Questions or concerns about the use of your personal information may be directed in writing to our office at 2197 Riverside, 5th Floor, Ottawa, K1H 1A9.

Please sign here

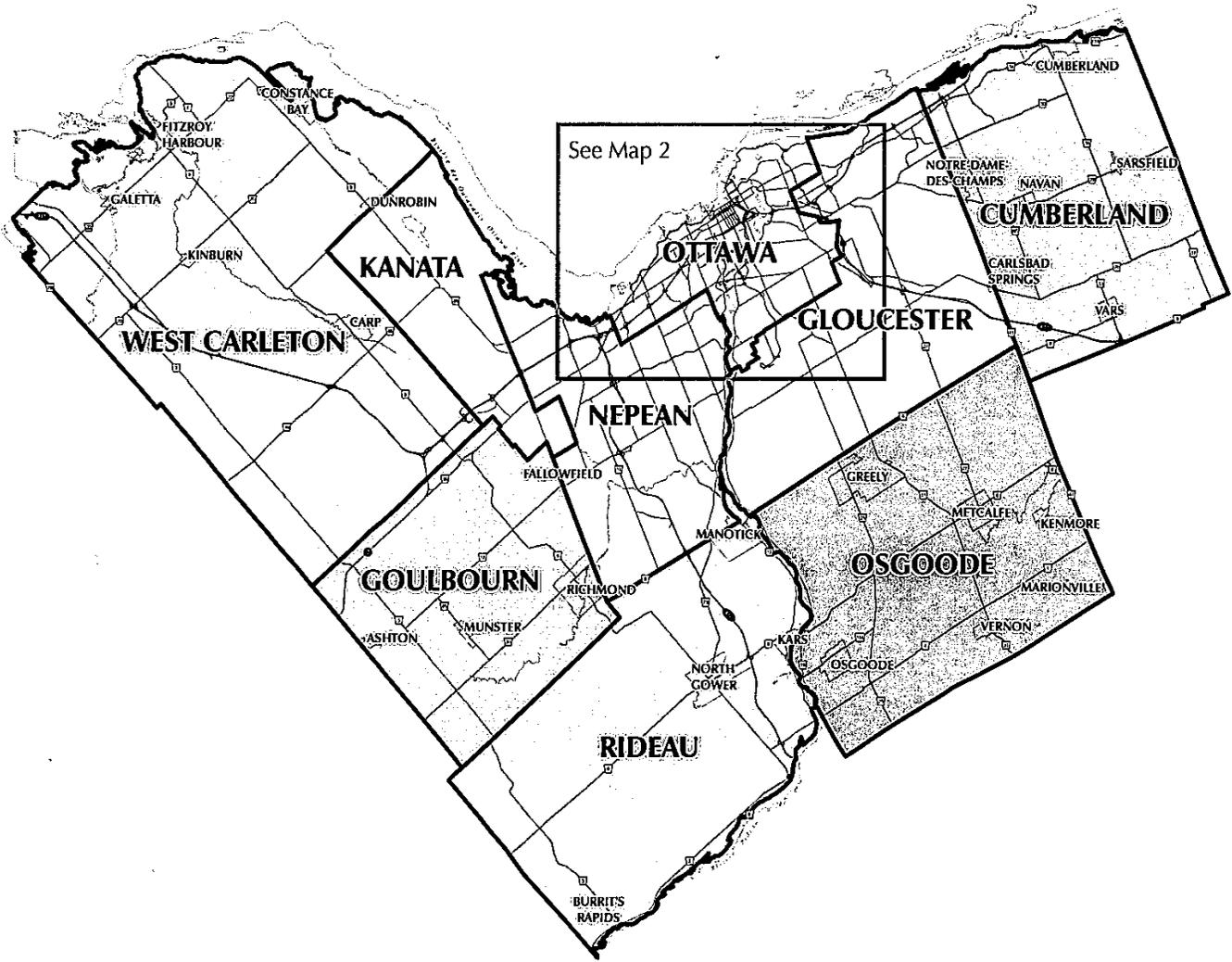
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