

For applicants who are unable to access explanations of housing types on The Registry's website (housingregistry.ca), please print this page as an accompaniment to the RGI (rent-geared-to-income) and BMR (below market rent) application forms.



WHAT IS CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING?

Co-ops differ from other forms of non-profit housing because residents are members who manage the property themselves. There is no landlord. Co-ops are open to everyone, though they often require an interview to ensure an applicant is a good fit with its particular community. Members of a housing co-op usually have to volunteer a few hours a month to helping the property or tenants in some way.

Before you are added to the list of people awaiting subsidized co-op housing, the co-ops you select may contact you to complete a more detailed form and/or to come in for an interview or information session. Most will conduct reference and credit checks.

You can apply for co-op housing on the RGI (rent-geared-to-income) and BMR (below market rent) application forms.



WHAT IS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?

If you have difficulty living independently or maintaining your housing, you might be interested in supportive housing:

- provides on-site supports like counseling, crisis intervention, and assistance maintaining your housing
- can offer opportunities for peer support and community involvement
- reduces isolation
- can be transitional or permanent accommodation
- reduces cycles of institutionalization and homelessness among people who just need a bit of help maintaining a place independently

Rent for supportive housing will be approximately 30% of the household's gross monthly income. There may be additional costs such as utilities and parking.

You can apply for supportive housing on the RGI (rent-geared-to-income) application form.

If you are selected and choose to accept a supportive housing unit, you must contact The Registry to update your address in your RGI (rent-geared-to-income) housing application, which will remain active.

There is a section to indicate interest in supportive housing on the RGI housing application form.

Applying for supportive housing can involve extra steps, depending on which supportive housing provider(s) you choose on your application:

SPECIAL FORMS

Providers of supportive housing may require more details about your needs. You can complete these forms online or get copies at The Registry office. We can help you complete them.

INTERVIEW

Providers of supportive housing may want to discuss your personal requirements.

REFERENCES

Providers of supportive housing may wish to talk to references to help determine your suitability for this type of housing.