

Question/Answer

Q. Is municipal social housing eligible for the GA refinancing portion of the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan?

Municipal social housing would be treated the same as all other consumers and would therefore need to satisfy any one of the below criteria for eligibility from Ontario Regulation 95/05. Based on these criteria, both single-unit and multi-unit grid-connected social housing (i.e., bulk metered, sub-metered and suite-metered) should be eligible for the program.

- (a) the consumer has a demand for electricity of 50 kilowatts or less, or such other amount of demand for electricity as may be prescribed,
- (b) the consumer annually uses not more than 250,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, or such other amount of use of electricity as may be prescribed,
- (c) the consumer,
 - (i) carries on a business that is a farming business for the purposes of the *Farm Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act, 1993*, and
 - (ii) holds a valid registration number assigned under that Act or the consumer's obligation to file a farming business registration form was waived pursuant to an order made under subsection 22 (6) of that Act,
- (d) the account relates to,
 - (i) a dwelling,
 - (ii) a property, within the meaning of the *Condominium Act, 1998*,
 - (iii) a residential complex, within the meaning of subsection 2 (1) of the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*, without regard to section 5 of that Act, or
 - (iv) a property that includes one or more housing units and that is owned or leased by a co-operative within the meaning of the *Co-operative Corporations Act*,

Note: Section 2 (1) of the Residential Tenancies Act as referenced in (d) (iii) above defines "residential complex" as follows:

"residential complex" means,

- (a) a building or related group of buildings in which one or more rental units are located,
- (b) a mobile home park or land lease community,
- (c) a site that is a rental unit,
- (d) a care home, and,

includes all common areas and services and facilities available for the use of its residents;
("ensemble d'habitation")