

The Family Housing Program

The Family Housing Program provides quality rental housing units for families who may not otherwise be able to obtain adequate housing. The program provides housing for Island families with low incomes, poor housing conditions or other special circumstances that create a need for assistance.

Where Are Family Housing Units Located?

Family Housing units are located in Charlottetown, Summerside, Georgetown, Souris, Montague, O'Leary, Alberton, Tignish, and Mount Stewart.

How Is The Program Administered?

Family Housing units are operated by a local Housing Authority Board. Members of the Housing Authority are local residents, who are appointed by the provincial government.

To assist in the operation of a Family Housing unit, the local Housing Authority employs a Project Manager. The Project Manager is responsible for day-to-day matters such as maintenance, rent collection, and project administration.

How Are Tenants Selected?

The local Housing Authority is responsible for selecting tenants for vacant family housing units. When selecting tenants, the local Housing Authority reviews the applications on file and considers each applicant's present housing conditions, income, housing expenditures, family size, health and any special circumstances.

What Is Provided In The Units?

One, two, three, and four bedroom units are present in most locations. Each unit is equipped with a stove and refrigerator. The units are fully serviced with heat, water, and electricity. In most units, the tenant is directly responsible for paying heat and utilities; however, in some cases a standard adjustment is made in the monthly rental payment to cover these expenses.

Tenants must furnish their own apartments and are expected to maintain their own tenant's insurance coverage.

How Is Rent Calculated?

Rent is based on total household income and calculated using a rent-to-income scale. Most families pay 25% of their income for rent.

Persons receiving Social Assistance will pay a rate that is established for the local area in consultations between the Department of Health and Social Services and the local Housing Authority.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for a Family Housing unit, fill in the detachable Application Registration Form and return it to your nearest Regional Housing office. A housing representative will then contact you to arrange an interview.

The addresses of the Regional Housing offices are listed on the back of this brochure.