

Am I eligible to apply?

If you are on the Region's centralized waiting list for community housing, and have a household income that falls below the maximum

limit, you can apply for a unit under the Below Average Market Rent Program. The application for



the Below Average Market Rent Program is part of the standard application package you get when you apply for community housing. You can find it behind the Building Selection Form section of the package. The rent and maximum household incomes for each address are listed in this section. You select which sites you wish to live in.

When you are offered and accept a Below Average Market Rent unit, your name will be removed from the centralized waiting list for community housing. You will sign a lease with and be a tenant of the landlord.

You will have to apply again if you would like to go back on the waiting list for a rent-geared-to income unit.

If you would like to fill out an application, please contact:

Community Housing Access Centre
235 King Street East, 6th Floor
Kitchener ON N2G 4N5
T: 519-575-4833
E: chac@regionofwaterloo.ca

The application package is also available from Access Sites in Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge. Please call us for a list of these Access Sites, or visit our website at www.regionofwaterloo.ca/chac for a list. You can also print an application from our website.



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ABOUT THE BELOW AVERAGE MARKET RENT PROGRAM

This program provides units with affordable rents

The Region of Waterloo's Assisted and Affordable Housing Programs team works with non-profit and private landlords who receive government funding so that units will have more affordable rents for Waterloo Region residents. One of these programs is called the Below Average Market Rent Program.



Some landlords have apartments in their buildings that they rent at a rate that is significantly below the Average Market Rent for Waterloo Region. To qualify for this type of unit, you must have a household income that falls below a set maximum limit at the time we offer you the unit. For example, if



the maximum income limit for a two-bedroom Below Average Market Rent unit is \$29,000, your household's gross annual income cannot be more than \$29,000 at the time that we offer you the unit.



Your rent is *not* geared to income

This type of rent is *not* geared to income. This means that your rent will not go up or down if your household income goes up or down, and you do not have to report changes in your income after you move in. Rent for a Below Average Market Rent unit can go up annually, as allowed by the *Residential Tenancy Act*. You may also have to pay other charges, like utilities and parking.



Rents for Below Average Market Rent units depend on the unit size and the building. To give you an idea of how much rents can range, see the chart on the right.

Comparing Below Average Market Rents to Average Market Rents as of January 2011

Unit Size	Below Average Market Rent Ranges	Average Market Rent for Waterloo Region (2010)
1 bedroom	Between \$434 and \$560	\$740
2 bedroom	Between \$534 and \$649	\$872
3 bedroom	Between \$635 and \$752	\$1,012

Note: For some units, you will have to pay some or all utilities on top of this amount.

