



CITY OF HAMILTON: APPLY FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

If you apply for subsidized housing, you will be placed on a centralized waitlist to receive an offer of housing that may be partially or fully funded, depending on your income or if you receive social assistance. Subsidized housing is also known as *Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI)* or *Housing Services Act Subsidies*. In the city of Hamilton, you must apply through the *Access to Housing (ATH)* to be placed on the waitlist.

If you have any questions or need information regarding subsidized housing in Hamilton, call ATH at 905-546-2424 ext. 3708.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING?

- ✓ You must meet the following criteria, also found here:
<https://www.hamilton.ca/people-programs/housing-shelter/housing-services/social-housing>
- ✓ If you meet the eligibility criteria, you can proceed to the screening tool for subsidized housing

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Visit the City of Hamilton website here: <https://www.hamilton.ca/people-programs/housing-shelter/housing-services/social-housing>, and scroll down to *Apply for Subsidized Housing*. To access the application forms, click on the *Subsidized Housing in Hamilton Application Package*.
2. If you are making a priority application, click on *Forms for Priority Applications*.
 - ⇒ **NOTE:** Priority applications can only be made for specific situations – you can review the criteria here: <https://www.hamilton.ca/people-programs/housing-shelter/housing-services/priority-applications>.
 - ⇒ There is a form under each section that would need to be submitted in addition to the forms from Step 1. Each section also contains instructions for how to complete the priority application.

3. If you are submitting a request for a modified unit, click on *Special Needs Form – Modified Unit Requests*. You need to submit this form in addition to the forms from Step 1. For example, you may need to make this request if you require an accommodation of a disability or medical condition.
4. You can submit your application by:
 - ⇒ Fax at: 905-546-2809
 - ⇒ mail or in-person at:
Access to Housing (ATH)
350 King St East, Suite 110 – First Place
Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3Y3
 - ⇒ **NOTE:** If you are unable to access the applications online, you can also pick them up from the address above.

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