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Appendix I: New Eligibility Guidelines		
Category	Recommended Requirement for the Needs Based Subsidy	Existing Requirement for Housing Subsidies under the <i>Housing Services Act</i>
Residency	Must reside in Peel to provide immediate support to current residents	Must reside in Ontario
Status	Canadian citizen, landed immigrant, or applied for permanent residency or refugee protection in Canada with no removal orders	The requirement is the same
Income	The existing maximum annual gross household income limits will be used Bachelor – \$41,000 1 bedroom – \$53,000 2 bedrooms – \$64,000 3 bedrooms – \$66,000 4 bedrooms – \$69,000 5 bedrooms – \$77,000	The requirement is the same
Assets	Long and Mid-term Allowances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree to sell any home or land that you own (or that you share ownership of) within 6 months of accepting an offer Not have cash, investments or property worth more than \$50,000 (or \$75,000 if you are applying with someone) Short-term Allowances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No greater than 2 times the allowance being issued 	For Long and Mid-term Allowances The requirement is the same For Short-term Allowances No similar requirement
Action Plan	Must actively participate in the development and execution of an action plan which aims to improve housing outcomes and self-sufficiency for each household in receipt of the allowance	No similar requirement
Ontario Works (OW)/Ontario Disability Support Program	The maximum shelter allowances under OW and ODSP will be used when	The shelter allowance is a standard amount set by the province, which is below the maximum allowance

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(ODSP) Benefits	calculating the allowance amount	amounts from both programs
Calculation	30 per cent shelter to income ratio metric with consideration for increasing affordability levels to meet actual rental costs in Peel	30 per cent shelter to income ratio metric based on average market rental costs calculated by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation
Portability	Subsidies will be tied to the unit or tied to the client and portable within Peel	Tied to the unit and not portable