

Reasons for Decision:

Order #AP1920-0611

On <date removed>, the appellant filed an appeal respecting the Director's calculation of her Rent Assist subsidy. The decision letter was dated <date removed>.

At the hearing, the Department told the Board that the appellant's reapplication was received in <date removed>. The appellant's subsidy amount was calculated using their <year removed> income as set out on their option C print out.

The Department stated that the appellant qualified for a larger subsidy amount in the previous year as their income was lower. As the appellant's income had increased in <year removed>, their subsidy amount decreased.

The appellant acknowledged that they understood the factors used by the Department in its subsidy calculation. The appellant indicated that they were not receiving old age security and the guaranteed income supplement when their previous subsidy amount was calculated. The appellant did not believe their level of income changed by very much when the most recent subsidy amount was calculated using their OAS and GIS income.

The appellant described to the Board the financial hardship they have encountered due to receiving less subsidy. The appellant stated they understood the Department does not factor into the subsidy calculation any changes in financial circumstances, but believes the increase in their rent should be considered.

After careful consideration of the written and verbal evidence submitted to it, the Board determines that the Department assessed the appellant's application correctly according to the legislation and regulations, and that there is no provision in the legislation for discretion. The Board confirms the Director's decision calculating the Rent Assist subsidy.

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