

## ***WHY DO PEOPLE WHO APPLIED AFTER ME GET HOUSED BEFORE ME?***

**INFO SHEET 3**

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Placing your name on the waiting list in a certain order is called “*ranking*”. The rules for ranking are made by the provincial government. The rules are made so everyone receives fair treatment.

The date on your application is important but is not the only information used to place you in a certain order on the waiting list. There are many reasons why some people might get an offer for housing before you.

People who qualify for subsidized housing are “ranked” in the following order:

- First**            The rules state that victims of domestic abuse are first on the list. This is called “Special Priority” status.
- Second**        People that meet a certain set of factors are chosen second. This list of factors is on the application form. This is called “Priority II” status.
- Third**            The date of the application is used to choose from the third group of people. The person that has been waiting the longest for housing at a location they have chosen is next for subsidized housing.

A combination of factors affect waiting time:

- The date of your application for each location you choose
- The number of people waiting in each category
- The number and size of units available each month at the locations you choose
- The number of locations you choose – generally the fewer locations chosen, the longer the waiting time.
- The number of offers you refuse (You are allowed to refuse three offers. If you refuse three offers your name will be removed from the waiting list. You may apply again but your wait will start all over again.)

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#### **IMPORTANT**

This Information Sheet is intended to highlight some of the information related to rent geared-to-income housing. It is not intended to provide all the information you may need to know. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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