



# Employment Incentive Scheme



Territory Housing recognises that not all tenants commencing employment or increasing their hours of work will receive a financial benefit. This can be due to an increase in rent, or in other costs such as childcare or loss of benefits.

## How does the Scheme work?

The Employment Incentive Scheme works by gradually increasing a public housing tenant's rent from the rebated rent level to market rent (if applicable) over a six month period.

The scheme also guarantees public housing tenants a secure lease for at least twelve months from the date of employment (or significant increase in hours). If the tenant already has more than a twelve month lease in place then this would not alter.

## Who is eligible for the Scheme?

All public housing tenants and their household members including dependents.

- tenant's income must include a minimum of \$200 per week gross from wages
- the scheme can only be applied to the household once in a twelve month period (date commenced EIS1). This requirement may be waived in cases of hardship caused by employment conditions beyond the tenant's control.

## Stepped Rent Increases

**Step One** – For the first three months, the tenant's rent will be frozen at the rebated rent level prior to gaining employment or increasing hours of employment.

**Step Two** – For the next three months, the rent will be calculated at 23 per cent of the tenant's income (excluding Family Tax Benefit Part A and child maintenance payments which are calculated at 10 per cent) and Age Pensioners at 18 per cent. This is irrespective of whether their income makes them ineligible for a rental rebate.

**Step Three** – After six months from the date of employment or increase in hours of employment ineligible tenants will be charged market rent until their lease expires or their income drops below the eligibility limits. Eligible tenants will receive a rental rebate in accordance with normal policies.

## When doesn't the Scheme apply?

The scheme does not apply to Caretaker tenancies. However, if the tenant needs to be away from the public housing dwelling due to their employment, discretion may be given, depending on individual circumstances.

The addition of a household member, whose employment commenced prior to them joining the household will not be eligible for the Employment Incentive Scheme.

## How can tenant's apply for the Scheme?

To apply for the Scheme, tenants need to make an appointment with Tenancy Staff who will assess eligibility. You will be required to provide proof of household income from all sources to enable this assessment to take place.

## Further information

For further information, please contact your local Territory Housing office.

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