Review of the Income and Asset Limits for Public Rental Housing (PRH) for 2020/21



#### I. Mechanism for the Review of PRH Income Limits

PRH Income Limits

Household Expenditure

+

+

**Contingency** (5% of Household Expenditure)

#### **Housing costs**

Unit rent for a private flat comparable to PRH Average
reference flat
size
(i.e. average
space
allocated to
PRH
applicants)

Average
non-housing
expenditure of
the lower half
expenditure
group obtained
from the
Household
Expenditure
Survey (HES)

Change in CPI(A) (excluding housing costs)

x OR

**Non-housing costs** 

Income factor (change in nominal wage index)

whichever is higher



### Illustration for 4-person households –

**PRH Income Limits** \$30,950

Household **Expenditure** \$29,480

+

**Contingency** 

(5% of Household Expenditure) \$1,474

Non-housing costs \$16,557

#### **Housing costs** \$12,923

Unit rent for a private flat comparable to PRH \$363

Average reference flat size (i.e. average space allocated to PRH applicants)  $35.6m^{2}$ 

Average non-housing expenditure of the lower half expenditure group obtained from the Household Expenditure Survey (HES) \$15,951

+

Change in CPI(A) (excluding housing costs) 1+3.8% OR X whichever is higher Income factor (change in nominal wage index) 1+3.4%



## **Proposed PRH Income Limits for 2020/21**

	Existing PRH income limits for 2019/20 *		Proposed PRH income limits for 2020/21 *	
- 1-person	\$11,830	(\$12,453)	\$12,800	(\$13,474)
- 2-person	\$18,690	(\$19,674)	\$19,430	(\$20,453)
- 3-person	\$23,010	(\$24,221)	\$24,410	(\$25,695)
- 4-person	\$29,240	(\$30,779)	\$30,950	(\$32,579)
			Overall: +5.4%	

\* Figures in brackets denote the income limits inclusive of the statutory contributions under the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme.



# II. Mechanism for the Review of PRH Asset Limits

■ Under the established mechanism, the PRH asset limits are adjusted with reference to the movements in CPI(A)

**Review for 2020/21** 

<u>4Q 2019</u>

Change in CPI(A) as compared with the same quarter of previous year

+3.4%



# **Proposed PRH Asset Limits for 2020/21**

	Existing PRH asset limits for 2019/20	Proposed PRH asset limits for 2020/21
- 1-person	\$257,000	\$266,000
- 2-person	\$348,000	\$360,000
- 3-person	\$454,000	\$469,000
- 4-person	\$530,000	\$548,000
		(Overall: +3.4%)



# Ends