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CALCULATION OF THE 2025 RENT ADJUSTMENT

Montréal, January 21, 2025 – The Tribunal administratif du logement has established the applicable percentages for calculating the 2025 rent adjustment, in accordance with the *Regulation respecting the criteria for the fixing of rent*. The percentages enable the amounts attributed to each component of the calculation to be determined based on the actual expenses incurred for the building or dwelling in question.

In accordance with the *Regulation respecting the criteria for the fixing of rent*, the components of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Quebec set out below were used to determine the applicable percentages:

- Electricity: CPI, Electricity
- Gas: CPI, Natural gas
- Heating oil and other sources of energy: CPI, Fuel oil and other fuels
- Maintenance: CPI, Homeowner's maintenance and repairs
- Building services: CPI, Services
- Services of a personal nature provided to the lessees: CPI, Health care services
- Management cost: CPI, Rent
- Net income: CPI, Rent

For capital expenditures, the average interest rates administered by Canadian trust companies during the reference period on 5-year guaranteed investment certificates is increased by 1%. These interest rates are published in the Bank of Canada Review.

The Tribunal must wait for Statistics Canada to release the Consumer Price Index for December before it can calculate the percentages that apply. In fact, the methodology used takes the 12 months of the preceding year into account. Statistics Canada has released the data for December 2024 today.

Table 1: Applicable percentages for the fixing of rents by the Tribunal administratif du logement

Rent component	Applicable percentages in 2025	
Electricity	2.9%	
Gas	-5.8%	
Heating oil and other sources of energy	-2.9%	CAUTION
Maintenance costs	6.9%	These percentages are not the estimated
Building service costs	4.5%	average adjustment.
Costs of services of a personal nature provided to the lessees (private seniors' residence)	5.9%	
Management costs	8.2%	
Net income	6.9%	
Capital expenditures	4.7%	

RIGHT OF REFUSAL

In Québec, lessors and lessees are free to agree on a rent increase that both consider acceptable. If the two parties cannot agree on the rent increase (or on any other modification to the lease), an application to modify the lease can be filed by the lessor with the Tribunal administratif du logement no later than one month after the date of receipt of the lessee's negative reply. However, in certain exceptional cases, refusal of the proposed modifications obliges the lessee to vacate the dwelling at the end of the lease. Please refer to the "Restrictions of the right to fix the rent and the modification of the lease" section of the lease form on this subject.

A CALCULATION TOOL AVAILABLE

The lessee also has the right to refuse a rent increase proposed by the lessor. To facilitate agreements on rent adjustment, the Tribunal now provides a calculation tool on its website (<u>www.tal.gouv.qc.ca</u>).

A PDF version of the <u>2025 Calculation Tool form</u> is also available on the Tribunal website. This simplified calculation tool is used to determine the rent adjustment, by taking into account the variation in municipal and school taxes, insurance, major improvements and all operating costs of the building.

It should be noted that the simplified calculation tool makes no allowance for certain particular situations that could be the subject of a hearing before the Tribunal administratif du logement, such as the provision of a new service that results in additional management costs, or an expenditure that does not benefit all the occupants of the building.

APPLICATION OF PERCENTAGES

<u>For example</u>, the Tribunal provides a hypothetical calculation scenario to better illustrate the application of the **Regulation** respecting the criteria for the fixing of rent. NOTE that this example does not take into account the specific features of each building and dwelling. The income and operating expenses of a given building may justify a variation in rent that differs from this calculation example, particularly if the building has undergone major work.

Consequently, it is important to point out that the online calculation tool must be used to obtain a more precise estimate of the adjustment.

Table 2: Hypothetical calculation scenario

Calculation example Monthly rent before calculation: \$1000						
Type of dwelling	Estimated average basic adjustment in %	New monthly rent after calculation of the basic adjustment	New monthly rent fter calculation of the basic adjustment Estimated average basic adjustment plus municipal tax increase New monthly rent after calculation of the municipal tax increase New monthly rent after calculation of the municipal tax increase Example: a 5% municipal tax increase New monthly rent after calculation of the municipal tax increase Example: 35% municipal tax increase		New monthly rent after calculation of the major work Example: \$5000 invested in the dwelling only (4.7 % = \$3.92 for every \$1000, i.e. a \$19.60 increase)	Adjustment percentage after calculation of the taxes and major work
Unheated dwelling	5.9%	1 059 \$	6.5%	1 065 \$	1 085 \$	8.5%
Heated dwelling						
by electricity	5.5%	1 055 \$	6.1%	1 061 \$	1 081 \$	8.1%
by gas	5.0%	1 050 \$	5.6%	1 056 \$	1 076 \$	7.6%
by heating oil	4.1%	1 041 \$	4.7%	1 047 \$	1 067 \$	6.7%

The estimated average basic adjustment is calculated from the proportions observed in 8,650 calculations performed by the Tribunal in 2023 and 2024.

CASES BROUGHT BEFORE THE TRIBUNAL

From 2015 to 2024, the Tribunal administratif du logement granted an average rent adjustment of 3.8% for the cases that were brought before it, taking into account the capital expenditures that were submitted to it.

		WITHOUT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
YEAR	HE	HEATED DWELLING				CASES AS A WHOLE WITH CAPITAL	NUMBER OF	INFLATION
TLAK	ELECTRICITY	GAS	HEATING OIL	UNHEATED DWELLING	CASES AS A WHOLE	EXPENDITURES	DECISIONS	RATE
2015	1.6%	2.6%	2.4%	1.8%	2.2%	3.5%	2 831	1.1%
2016	1.7%	1.3%	-1.9%	1.7%	1.5%	2.6%	2 062	0.7%
2017	1.2%	1.0%	-1.6%	1.4%	1.2%	2.3%	1 184	1.1%
2018	1.2%	1.4%	2.7%	1.5%	1.4%	2.9%	1 525	1.7%
2019	1.0%	1.1%	4.2%	1.2%	1.2%	2.8%	1 415	2.1%
2020	1.9%	2.8%	1.3%	1.9%	2.2%	4.2%	2 275	<mark>0.8%</mark>
2021	1.0%	0.9%	-1.2%	1.4%	1.3%	3.0%	1 034	3.8%
2022	2.4%	3.4%	5.0%	2.7%	2.9%	3.6%	2 866	6.7%
2023	3.5%	5.9%	11.1%	3.6%	4.7%	5.9%	7 024	4.5%
2024	4.4%	3.9%	3.2%	4.8%	4.6%	6.9%	1 626	2.3%

Table 3: Average adjustments rent granted by the Tribunal from 2015 to 2024

As of January 21, 2025, and December 31, 2024, for the inflation rate.

The years correspond to the reference period for calculating the rent adjustment, not to the year in which the calculation was performed. The percentages granted take into account all the rent components, including taxes (municipal and school) and insurance. However, the results without capital expenditures do not take into account the major expenses attributed to the building or dwelling in question. The number of decisions corresponds to the number of calculations used in determining the average rent adjustments granted for each reference year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The specific rules that apply to rent adjustment for rental units (for example: time periods allowed for serving notices, particular circumstances for members of a cooperative or someone living in low-rental housing) are explained on the Tribunal's website, which also provides a model of rent increase notice and a model reply to such a notice.

For more information: <u>www.tal.gouv.qc.ca</u>.

You can also reach the Tribunal by phone:

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