

## Want to build an ARU?

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**We can help!** Different Zones and areas have different requirements and limitations for ARUs. The information in this brochure does not apply to all properties. This is why it is important to talk to our Planning Division staff if you want to know how you can build an ARU.

## Resources

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**Town of Gravenhurst ARU webpage**  
[Gravenhurst.ca/ARU](http://Gravenhurst.ca/ARU)

**District of Muskoka GeoHub**  
Learn more about your property  
[Map.Muskoka.on.ca](http://Map.Muskoka.on.ca)

**ARU information and funding**  
Available from the District of Muskoka  
[Muskoka.on.ca](http://Muskoka.on.ca)



Scan here to access the resources.



# ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS (ARUs)

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Need another living area?  
Want to start earning rental income?

This is your guide to understanding where and what ARU you can build.

## Connect

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## What is an ARU?

Additional Residential Units are self-contained living spaces attached to or within a single-family home (such as a detached, semi-detached, or townhouse dwelling) or located in an accessory or standalone building on the same property.

Examples of ARUs:

- addition to the main dwelling
- basement apartment
- apartment above a garage
- standalone garden suite

## Why build an ARU?

Additional Residential Units are generally more affordable and faster to build, while still maintaining the character of established neighbourhoods.

For homeowners, these units can increase property values and provide a source of rental income, helping offset the costs of homeownership and maintenance.

Additional Residential Units also provide additional living spaces for family members, and contribute to providing more affordable rental housing opportunities in the Town.

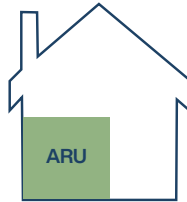


## What can you build?

If your Residential Property IS NOT Serviced with Municipal Water and Sewer Infrastructure, OR IS Partially Serviced

**You can have 2 TOTAL UNITS**

**1 PRINCIPAL DWELLING UNIT +  
1 ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNIT**



1 ARU IN  
DWELLING

OR



DWELLING WITH  
NO ARU

+



ARU WITHIN  
ACCESSORY  
STRUCTURE



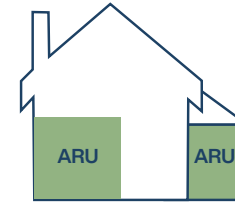
2 SPACES FOR DWELLING  
+  
1 SPACE PER ARU

## What can you build?

If Your Residential Property IS Serviced with both Municipal Water and Sewer Infrastructure

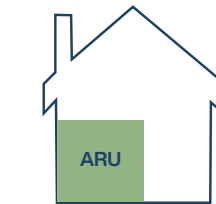
**You can have 3 TOTAL UNITS**

**1 PRINCIPAL DWELLING UNIT +  
UP TO 2 ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS**



2 ARUs IN  
DWELLING

OR



1 ARU IN  
DWELLING

+



OR



1 ARU AS  
STANDALONE  
UNIT OR WITHIN  
AN ACCESSORY  
STRUCTURE



2 SPACES FOR DWELLING  
+  
1 SPACE PER ARU