

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE TO EACH OF THE THREE ALLOCATION QUOTA LISTS

Eligibility for the 'A' List

"A" LIST

- CATEGORY 1: HOMELESS**
- CATEGORY 2: UNSATISFACTORY HOUSING**
- CATEGORY 3: MEDICAL**
- CATEGORY 4: ASPIRATIONAL**

CATEGORY 1: HOMELESS

1(a) Statutory Homeless

Applicants who are homeless under the terms of the current Housing Act. Applicants must have a priority need and should not have made themselves "intentionally" homeless.

(b) No Security of Tenure

E.G. Lodgers, caravan dwellers or those living in tied accommodation.

(c) Insecure Tenancy

E.G. Sub-tenants, tenants of private landlords, those in temporary furnished accommodation.

CATEGORY 2: UNSATISFACTORY HOUSING

(a) Condition of Property

Where the applicants accommodation is below tolerable standard;

Or in need of repair and improvement;

Or property which requires upgrading.

(b) Overcrowding

Applicants whose present accommodation is considered to be overcrowded as set out in Section 6 of this policy.

(c) Lacking Amenities

ie. A fixed bath or shower; a piped supply of hot water; an inside w.c. for the exclusive use of the applicant; adequate cooking facilities; central heating; separate kitchen.

(d) Sharing Amenities

ie. Applicants who do not have their own home and who are sharing the following:

bath/shower, w.c., living area, kitchen area.

(e) Social Factors

i.e. Applicants who have a serious social problem such as racial harassment or domestic abuse which can only be resolved by moving to alternative accommodation.

CATEGORY 3: MEDICAL

(a) Where the present accommodation is causing extreme aggravation to the applicants medical condition

or

(b) Where the present accommodation is worsening an applicants medical condition.

CATEGORY 4: ASPIRATIONAL

Where applicants aspire to obtain a Reidvale Housing Association tenancy but do not qualify for access to any of the other lists. This list represents the lowest form of priority within the housing list system.

Eligibility for the 'B' List

Access to this list is open to applicants who possess economic or social characteristics which are under represented within the community.

Applicants will be accepted on to this list on the basis of the eligibility criteria detailed below. An applicant's position on the list will be determined by the length of time they have been on the list.

(i) Employment

Applicants must have been working for at least the previous year in part time or full time paid employment or where it can be demonstrated that moving to Reidvale would make it easier for the applicant to take up/remain in employment.

(ii) Socio-Economic Imbalances Within the Area

Currently, young single people and people of pensionable age are over-represented in the community. In order to redress this current imbalance in age/household types, applications from couples where at least one partner is aged between 30 to 60 years of age will qualify for this list.

Eligibility for the 'C' List

Access to this list is open to applicants who require to move to the Reidvale area to receive or provide support from a relative. Applications will also be considered from those who are making a positive contribution to the community i.e. regular/voluntary community activity or are in full /part time education.

Applicants will be accepted on to this list on the basis of eligibility criteria detailed below. An applicant's position on the list will be determined by the length of time they have been on the list.

(i) Applicant's Residing c/o Reidvale Resident

Applicants who are presently residing c/o Reidvale resident, with the written consent of the Association where appropriate and are seeking their own flat. Applicants must have resided at their present address for a minimum of three years.

(ii) Family Support

Where it can be demonstrated that it would be beneficial for an applicant to move to Reidvale to enable the applicant to receive support from, or provide support to, a relative in Reidvale. Access will usually be restricted to immediate family relations - parent, child and brother/sister.

It is only possible for a Reidvale resident to nominate one family member under this criteria.

In seeking to create and sustain social, community and family networks the Association will adopt a broad interpretation of social support.

It is a requirement that the Reidvale resident must have resided in the community for at least one year.

(iii) Applicants Involved in Local Voluntary/Community Activity

Applicants who are involved in some form of regular voluntary/community activity for at least the previous year eg. running youth club, OAP bingo nights, etc.

Each case will be decided on its own merits.

(iv) Further Full / Part Time Education

Where it can be demonstrated that moving to Reidvale would make it easier for the applicant to take up/remain in a course of full or part time further education.

(V) Relationship Breakdown

The Association recognises that relationships breakdown can be a major cause of homelessness.

We will respond sympathetically to requests from parties who are subject to any relationship breakdown.

Applicants must have resided within the property for a minimum period of 1 year.

An applicant's position on the list will be determined by the length of time they have been on the list.