

Centacare Evolve Housing Fact Sheet

Applying For a Home – Social Housing

When you apply for social housing in Tasmania, you will have an assessment with Housing Connect. Housing Connect can work out what kind of housing you need and can help you if your circumstances change.

Who can apply for social housing?

To apply for a Centacare Evolve Housing home, you must:

- live in Tasmania, not another state or territory
- be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- be 16 years or older
- not own a home of your own
- not have financial assets worth more than \$35,000. This includes things like shares, property and money in the bank. This amount includes your assets and the assets of any other people who live in your household. It does not include things like your car or your household items.

Waiting lists and waiting times

Once you have had your assessment, you will go onto a list of people waiting for a home called the Housing Connect waiting list. When we build a new property or an existing property becomes vacant we check the Housing Connect waiting list for and try to match the attributes of the property to the needs of the applicants on the waitlist as best we can. Every person on the waitlist has different levels of individual needs, for example disability, homelessness or a problem like family violence. The highest level of need is called Priority. We aim to make sure that Priority applicants get housed first. When someone shortlists for a suitable property the housing provider will attempt to contact them to let them know of the offer. We are unable to provide information on waiting times or take expressions of interest in particular streets or properties.

What to do if your circumstances change

If your circumstances change while you are waiting for a home, you need to let Housing Connect know. It is important that all of your information is kept up-to-date. This will help to make sure that your needs can be met when you shortlist for a home.