

Application for Consideration under Care Leaver Priority

Read the following information carefully before completing form

This form should be completed by care leavers who are applying for social housing support with Dublin City Council. The information provided will be used to assess if priority status should be awarded to your application. Provision for the recommendation of a Priority is contained under the **Housing Allocations Scheme (Scheme of Letting Priorities), Section 7.11. as amended by the City Council – Report No. 105/2025**

A decision on a care leaver priority application is made by assessing the written information provided with the application.

What is a priority for care leavers and who is awarded priority status?

When we award care leaver priority status, this means that the applicant will be placed on Band 1 of the Housing Waiting List. Dublin City Council makes offers in line with the order of priority as set out in their Housing Allocations Scheme (**Scheme of Letting Priorities**).

For Young People Leaving Care: Young people leaving care will be considered in accordance with the Protocol for Young People Leaving Care. When they become eligible for housing (age 18) they will be assessed for priority status under Band 1 of the Housing List *according to the following criteria*.

Priority status may be awarded if all of the following criteria are met:

- Care leaver is eligible for social housing with Dublin City Council;
- Care leaver's primary social housing application is with Dublin City Council;
- Care leaver will have been in state care for a minimum of 12 months;
- Care leaver will be availing of the TUSLA Aftercare service;
- Care leaver will be living in a residential care placement at the time of application;
- Care leaver will have no other options for housing support on leaving care, other than homeless accommodation;
- Care leaver must provide a report from their aftercare social worker outlining all of above criteria.

Please note:

Any care leaver who does not meet the above criteria may, if appropriate, can continue to apply for a priority under Exceptional Social Grounds (ESG) Scheme on the same grounds as any other applicant for ESG.

What do I need to apply?

1. You must be active on the Dublin City Council Housing List or be submitting this form along with an application for Social Housing Support
2. Applications must be supported by a report from an aftercare social worker outlining all of the criteria listed on page 1 of the application form. It must be:
 - On official headed paper with valid contact details
 - Signed and dated
 - Written within the last six months
 - Fully legible.

Photos, photos of documents and video recordings are not accepted.

How to complete this application form

1. Fill in Sections 1 to 3 as they apply to you and your household.
2. Section 4 must be signed by the housing applicant/s.
3. Complete the Section 5 checklist.
4. All supporting documents, including reports and letters, that you wish to have considered as part of the application, must be listed at Section 3.
5. **All supporting documents must be submitted together with the completed application form otherwise they will not be reviewed as part of your application to the Care Leaver priority. They cannot be added at a later date.** We do not return documents.

Other Information

1. Copies of documents already received in the Housing Allocations in respect of your application will not be dealt with / acknowledged if they are sent in again.
2. We will notify you of the decision in writing.

3. A decision not to award a care leaver priority may be appealed to the Allocations Officer in writing. If an appeal is refused, further applications will not be considered. Appeals must be sent to the Allocations Officer within 21 days of the date on your decision letter. You will be notified of the outcome in writing.
4. An award of care leaver priority is not a guarantee of an offer of accommodation. All applications are subject to the provisions of the current Allocations Scheme.
5. Cases that have been recommended for priority will be reviewed periodically. A priority may be revoked if there is a change in your housing circumstances or the circumstances at the time of the award have now altered.
6. Priority status will be revoked if you refuse two reasonable offers of accommodation in line with the current Allocations Scheme.
7. For General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 information relevant to Young People Leaving Care / Care Leavers Scheme and Dublin City Council's privacy statement see www.dublincity.ie

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Application Form for care leaver priority

IMPORTANT: Read Information Section before filling form.

Type or write in block capitals using black or blue pen. Fill in all relevant sections. This form must be signed by the housing/transfer applicant/s.

Section 1: Personal Details
Name/s: <div></div> <div></div>
Address: <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
Correspondence address where you want us to send letters in relation to this application (if different from above) <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>
Is this address (tick one)

Section 3: Supporting evidence from professional/s	
List all supporting documents that you are sending in with your application. Include professionals name & agency. You must send all of them in along with this application form as they cannot be added to the application at a later date. No photos, photos of documents or videos accepted. It is your responsibility to make sure all documents arrive in the Allocations and Transfers.	
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Section 4: Signature and Date
This must be signed by the applicant/s
<p>I declare that the information given by me in all parts of this form is truthful and complete.</p> <p>I consent to the designated member of staff in the Allocations Section contacting any relevant person or body in relation to my application:</p>

Signed:

Date: _____

Section 5: Checklist

- Are you accepted or currently applying to be on DCC's housing list?
- Have you filled all relevant sections?
- Did you sign the form at Section 4?
- Did you include all supporting documents? They must be sent along with this form & cannot be added later. Do not send videos / photos or photographed documents.

Send your form and documents to:

Post: Care Leaver Priority Application,
Housing Allocations and Transfers,
Block 2, Floor 1, Dublin City Council,
Civic Offices,
Wood Quay,
Dublin 8.
D08 RF3F

Phone: 01 222 2201 for further information on how to apply.