

COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDERS

Community housing providers are run by independent skills based boards with strong links to the community. They provide housing for specific groups in the community who are disadvantaged.

Many tenants require support services to maintain independent housing. These services are provided by government and community support agencies.

Each community housing provider manages its own tenant selection processes. Some community housing providers will only accept referrals directly from the support agencies with which they work.

Interested in community housing?

To apply for community housing you must:

- Identify the community housing provider you are interested in by accessing the community housing website:
<http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/housing-property-and-land/housing/public-and-community-housing/housing-providersfull-list>
- Contact the community housing provider directly

OR

- Obtain a Registration of Interest form through Housing SA Offices (131 299) and register for both public and community housing previously known as Associations

Useful Websites for Accommodation

www.sa.gov.au

www.sa.gov.au/housing

www.sa.gov.au/communityhousing

<http://sacommunity.org/>

www.homestart.com.au

www.affordablehomes.sa.gov.au

www.seniors.asn.au

www.realestate.com.au

www.property.com.au

www.hsfinder.sa.gov.au



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What is Community Housing?

Community housing is managed by non government organisations. It offers secure and affordable rental housing for people on low to moderate incomes with a housing need.

Community housing provides a variety of living arrangements depending on the needs and preferences of the tenant household.

Community housing is maintained and managed by community housing providers. There are two types of community housing providers:

Community housing providers

Provide housing for specific groups in the community who are disadvantaged

Volunteer member-tenant managed housing providers

Provide housing for people on low incomes who are able to participate in managing the housing organisation.

Please note that community housing:

- is not an emergency housing service

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AM I ELIGIBLE FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING?

You must meet the:

- Government Eligibility Criteria which includes residency, income, assets or a needs assessment; and
- Specific eligibility criteria of the community housing provider in which you are interested.

Further information can be found at the community housing website:

<http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/housing-property-and-land/public-and-community-housing/register-public-housing-income-and-assets-eligibility-limits>

Volunteer Member-Tenant Managed Providers

Is administered, maintained and managed by members who are also tenants. Membership requires significant ongoing commitment. Each organisation also manages its own member and tenant selection processes.

The key principles of living in a volunteer member-tenant managed organisation include:

- Members must be willing and able to participate in the running of the co-operative and be focused on fair and equal access to those who wish to participate.
- These organisations are run democratically, all members have equal voting rights and participation is encouraged.
- Members contribute fairly to the running of the volunteer member-tenant managed organisation.
- Organisations are independent entities controlled by their members.

Considering Volunteer Member-Tenant Managed provided Housing?

If so, can you:

- Attend regular (at least monthly) meetings?
- Contribute to the management of the organisation through decision making about properties and activities of the organisation?
- Dedicate several hours a week in administration, maintenance, financial management?
- Take on an official role i.e. Chairperson, Secretary or be prepared to learn how to do this?
- Attend regular training to improve your skills?
- Respect, listen to and value the opinions of others?

If you answered 'YES' to **all** these questions, Volunteer Member-Tenant managed housing may be for you.

Interested in volunteer member-tenant managed housing?

To apply for this housing you must:

- 1) Download a Registration of Interest Form available on the www.sa.gov.au website
- 2) Complete the form and post it to the Housing SA Contact Centre

Your details will be entered on to the Community Housing Customer Register and your eligibility confirmed in writing.

