



Find out more

If you're unsure about your eligibility or would like more information, visit: www.chichester.gov.uk/housing-register

We're here to help

You can also contact our Housing Advice & Allocations Team who are here to help.

 Call: **01243 785166**

 Email: **housingallocations@chichester.gov.uk**

Are you homeless or at risk of homelessness?

Please contact our Housing team as soon as possible by completing our support request form:
www.chichester.gov.uk/get-help-from-the-housing-advice-team

 Or call: **01243 785166**



Housing Matters



Applying for social housing in the Chichester District

Your guide to joining the council's Housing Register



The Housing Register is a list of local households who are eligible for social or affordable housing in the Chichester District. Our online system, Chichester Homemove, makes it quick and easy for eligible residents to apply to join the register.

Am I eligible?

Because the number of available homes is limited, applicants must meet certain criteria. You can apply if you:

- ✓ are at least 18 years old;
- ✓ have the right to live in the UK; and
- ✓ have a local connection to the Chichester District.

You may not qualify if:

- you already rent a social housing home that meets your needs;
- you own a residential property; or
- you have enough income or savings to secure suitable housing privately.

If you're unsure whether you qualify, don't worry — our Housing Advice team is here to help.

How do I apply?

Applying is simple. Just visit www.chichester.gov.uk/housing-register and complete the online application form through Chichester Homemove.

What do I need to complete my application?

Having the right documents ready will help us assess your application more quickly.

Please have the following ready:

- a valid form of ID (such as passport or driving licence).
- your last three months of bank statements.
- proof of your household income or any welfare benefits you receive (if applicable).

You may also be asked for:

- your tenancy agreement (if you are currently renting).
- supporting information such as medical letters or assessments (if relevant).
- other relevant information or documents that help us understand your housing situation.

When will my application be assessed?

Once you've submitted your application, we aim to assess it within 30 days.

As part of this process, we will consider:

- your household income and savings;
- any medical or welfare needs you may have; and
- your local connection to the district.

The online form includes a pre-assessment section, which gives you an early indication of whether you're likely to qualify.

What happens if I'm accepted onto the register?

If your application is approved, you'll be able to use Chichester Homemove to look for suitable social and affordable homes. You can then express your interest in any homes that you're eligible for.

How long will it take to find a suitable home?

This varies depending on a number of factors, such as:

- the type and size of home you need (for example, the number of bedrooms needed);
- the areas you'd prefer to live in; and
- how many suitable homes become available.

Due to the limited amount of social housing available, being flexible about your preferred areas may help you find a suitable home more quickly.

If your bid is successful, the Registered Provider (housing association) will contact you directly to discuss the next steps, arrange a viewing, and complete their own eligibility checks.

