

ELIGIBILITY AND ALLOCATION

Community Housing is a type of social housing which is available to those that meet certain eligibility criteria. This is to ensure that properties are allocated to individuals and families who are unable to rent in the private rental market.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to apply for Anglicare NT's Community Housing you must:

- Currently live in the Northern Territory
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Be 16 years or older
- Meet the income and asset limits (page 2)
- Be able to demonstrate that you can sustain a tenancy.

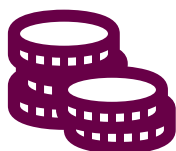


Community Housing is available for people on low-moderate incomes. As part of our application process, you are required to meet with our Financial Mentor to discuss your household income and the cost of rent.

Income limits

To apply, your household income must be **lower than the limits** set out in the table on page 2.

Household income is calculated on the weekly gross (pre-tax) earnings of all household members aged 18 and over and earning income (unless you are a primary Tenant over 16 years).



Asset limits

An asset is any property or item of value that is owned by a household member aged 18 years or over, including those held outside of Australia.

Assessable **assets include** money, shares, property trusts, managed investments, accessible superannuation funds, businesses, boats, caravans, second car or other recreational vehicles etc.

Assessable **assets do not include** family vehicle, personal effects and basic household items.

If you own or partially own a property anywhere in Australia, you are not eligible for Community Housing.

Income & asset limits

Household size*	Weekly (gross) household income**	Asset limits
1	\$820	\$70,142
2	\$1,065	\$100,080
3	\$1,239	\$158,509
4	\$1,423	\$158,509
5	\$1,599	\$158,509
6	\$1,778	\$158,509

*Household size includes children

**Income is calculated on 6 consecutive payslips, year to date earnings or a letter from your employer.

Allocation

If you meet the criteria above, you can apply for Community Housing. Allocations of properties are based on eligibility, as well as household need and suitability to the property and the community.

Anglicare NT prioritise housing allocations in the following way:

1. Existing Anglicare NT clients e.g. transitional housing residents (category 1)
2. Applicants that can demonstrate urgent need (defined below) (category 2)
3. Applicants who can demonstrate inability to access the private rental market (category 3)
4. Other applicants that meet the eligibility criteria (category 4).

Urgent need

Households in urgent need may be experiencing:

- Homelessness or risk of homelessness (including overcrowding)
- Health, disability or medical issues
- Social issues e.g. family and domestic violence.

Applicants must be able to provide supporting documentation or other evidence of need.

Matching

Households are matched to appropriate housing by reviewing:

- Size and make-up of the household/number of bedrooms required
- The property structure and location/household's requirements
- Suitability to create sustainable, harmonious and balanced communities.

Note Anglicare NT's Community Housing are all two-bedroom townhouses on Bloomfield St, Alice Springs.*

Waitlists

If you are interested in applying, it is a good idea to call ahead. We can talk to you about your housing needs and explain how you can apply.

We can also give you an indication of approximately how long you may have to wait.

Due to a high demand for our housing, the waitlist closes from time to time.



Ongoing Eligibility

You will continue to be eligible for Community Housing while your household meets the income and asset requirements. If you no longer meet these, you can apply for our **Bridging Scheme**. This enables you to remain in the property for 12 months under the following conditions:

Stage 1 – For the first 3 months your Rent Rebate will remain at the current level.

Stage 2 - For the next 6 months your Rent Rebate will be based on the increased household income.

Stage 3 – For the final 3 months your rent will be Market Rent.

Anglicare NT will support you to find alternative accommodation. You will be able to exit your lease at any time by giving 14 days notice in writing.