



Affordable Rental Office

Affordable Rental Scheme Fact Sheet

About the Scheme

The Affordable Rental Scheme is part of a new initiative to provide housing for older people who are not eligible to be public housing tenants.

Housing ACT manages this scheme on behalf of the Affordable Rental Office. Staff will be available to assist you to facilitate the smooth transition into affordable rental.

Eligibility

You may be eligible for a tenancy under the Affordable Rental Scheme if you:

- Are 65 years of age or over;
- Meet the Commonwealth Age Pension Income and Assets eligibility test;
- Are an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- Currently rent a property in the ACT.
- Be of age pension age or within 5 years of age pension age.
- Be of age pension age or within 10 years of age pension age for ATSI persons.
- Qualify for age pension or have income less than Average Weekly Earnings in the ACT
- Are prepared to accept an offer of affordable rental housing.
- Be a signatory on a Tenancy Agreement relating to an affordable rental dwelling.
- Be prepared to accept a 3 Year Tenancy Agreement.
- Have no rental arrears or legal action pending regarding tenancy matters.
- Be able to sustain an affordable rental tenancy.

Location of Properties

Properties may be available at the following sites:

- Bonython
- Chapman
- Florey
- Kambah
- Rivett

All properties available will be two bedrooms.



Steps under the new Affordable Rental Scheme

The Affordable Rental Scheme process is outlined in the “Steps in the Affordable Rental Scheme” information sheet.

For any enquires regarding the lodgement of or the progress of your application, please call 6207 1150.

Rent

The Affordable Rental Office will offer the properties for rent being 75% of the current market rent. An amount equal to four (4) weeks rent will be payable at the commencement of the tenancy. A further two (2) weeks rent will be due and payable every two weeks thereafter.

Affordable renters may be eligible to apply for Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA), subject to meeting the eligibility criteria.

Term of Tenancy

Tenancy will be offered for a 3 year term, with renewal subject to continued eligibility.

Application Fees

The Affordable Rental Office does not require any application fees. Regular expenses such as utility and complex related fees will continue to apply.

Household Income Limits

Household Type

	Per Week	Annual
One Person	\$822.00	\$42,728.00
Two Person	\$1,136.00	\$59,057.00
Three Person	\$1,450.00	\$75,396.00



How do I apply?

To apply for a property under the Affordable Rental Scheme you will need to complete an **Application for Affordable Rental**. The completed form should be delivered to:

Affordable Rental Office
Community Services
Locked Bag 3000
Belconnen ACT 2616

For further information regarding the Affordable Rental Scheme please refer to the policy located at www.dhcs.act.gov.au or contact the Affordable Rental Office on 62071150.

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