

## **Points System**

The points system is designed to ensure that those applicants who would be described as having 'reasonable preference' in terms of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 would have high priority on the housing list. Reasonable preference is defined as:

- Homeless or threatened with homelessness
- Living in unsuitable accommodation – for the purposes of this document this is interpreted as being Below Tolerable Standard
- People who are overcrowded or have large families

## **Tenure**

### **High Priority**

**100 Points**

- Living in a refuge
- Local Authority Homeless Accommodation
- Living in the Parental Home since birth, with the exception of leaving home for education/training or time in the Armed Forces (The parental home is that of the parent/legal guardian of the applicant(s))

**Note: Points are capped at 100 with the exception of Medical points which can be added.**

### **Medium Priority**

**50 Points**

- Hostel/residential care
- Tied accommodation and have to leave within 1 year
- HM forces accommodation and have to leave within 1 year
- Parental Home
- Tenant with short term tenancy agreement

### **Low Priority**

**25 Points**

- In hospital
- In Prison
- Private Tenant
- Private sub-tenant
- Tied accommodation
- Lodger
- Living in a caravan/travellers site
- Living in a boarding house/hotel/B&B
- Living with friends/relatives
- Student halls of residence

### **No Priority**

**0 Points**

- Local Authority Tenant
- Registered Social Landlord tenant
- Owner Occupier

**Required to Leave** **25 Points**

Evidence is required in order to get these points. Either an NTQ or NOP from the landlord is required.

**Lack of Bedrooms** **10 – 30 Points**

For each bedroom lacking 10 points are granted, up to a maximum of 30. Please note that that with access to children, the child is counted in as a member of the household and therefore require 1 bedroom each. For the purposes of overcrowding points it is assumed that each child, including unborn will require a room each, and a room per couple/single adult

**Current accommodation too large** **10 – 30 Points**

These points are awarded only to tenants in social rented accommodation, as leaving this accommodation will free up housing for others on the housing lists. 10 points per unoccupied bedroom, up to a maximum of 30

**Serious Disrepair Notice** **100 Points**

This must be supported by a notice from the Local Authority

**Travelling Points** **0 – 10 Points**

Points are allocated where a request is to be housed closer to a place of work, education, medical care or to give or receive support. The points are based on the one-way distance and are only awarded when the applicant is requesting to live closer to the place that they are travelling to, and where the applicant does not have use of their own transport.

- Less than 10 miles 0 Points
- 10 – 20 miles 5 Points
- Over 20 miles 10 Points
- Limited access to public transport – 10 points (this means that there is either a service > 1 mile away, or that the service is sporadic and therefore not allowing for work or access to education/appointments). These points are awarded only if there is no car in the household

**Medical** **0 – 15 points**

Medical points are awarded only when there is supporting evidence either in the form of a supporting letter from a health professional, or if the Association Medical Support Form is completed, and contains a stamp from the medical practice to confirm the source of the information.

Points are awarded based on the effect the current living circumstances have on the medical condition suffered by the applicant or anyone moving with them (including children who are not permanently resident in the home). The problems associated

with the medical condition must be improved or alleviated by being housed in more appropriate circumstances.

- No effect 0 Points
- Moderate effect 5 Points
- Significant effect 10 Points
- Severe effect 15 Points

### **Accommodation for children**

Applicants who have access to children on an overnight basis are entitled to have a bedroom to accommodate them, and properties can be allocated on this basis. No separate points are allocated for access to children, but the children's bedroom requirements will be counted in on any overcrowding points which are allocated to the application.

### **Harassment Points**

**5 – 10 Points**

Points in this category are allocated in certain specific circumstances:

- Experiencing harassment due to ASB 5 Points
- Experiencing violent harassment 10 Points
- Living away from home as fleeing violence 10 Points

### **Partnership Breakdown**

**60 Points**

Points are allocated where there is a relationship breakdown, and the applicant remains living in the home which is shared with the ex-partner. Overcrowding points for sharing a room with the ex-partner are not awarded in addition to these 60 points, but the rest of the household are pointed for overcrowding as normal.

### **Familial Relationship Breakdown**

**20 Points**

Points are allocated where the applicant is living in the home, but has had a relationship breakdown with a relative at that address. A relative is a parent, step-parent, child, grandparent, aunt or uncle.

**If an application is difficult to point, or there are any issues over the level of priority an applicant has, it should be referred to a senior member of staff for a separate assessment. If it is decided that the points system requires to be reviewed, then a report will be made to the Director of Customer Services.**