

Perthshire. Please ask for our current list of houses and their locations.

We do not currently have houses however, in the Methven area or in the old Kinross County area. If you're looking for housing in these areas we can advise on other housing associations that may be able to assist you.

How long will I have to wait for a house?

This will depend on a number of factors including:

- Your current living circumstances
- The degree of priority that you have on the housing list
- The number of other applicants on the housing list
- The availability of properties in your areas of choice

As a result it is difficult in a leaflet to give you an accurate indication of when you could expect to be offered a tenancy with the Association. We are more than happy however to give answers to your specific questions, and hope you will feel free to ask.

As a general rule however, houses do not tend to become available as regularly as flats. In addition, some neighbourhoods are more popular than others and as a result houses and flats are available less often in these areas.

My housing circumstances have changed since I filled in my application form. Does this matter?

The short answer is yes, particularly if your housing need is now greater. This may have an affect on the points attached to your application, and your chances of being housed by the Association. We would be happy to advise further on request.

If I get a house, can I buy it?

No. At present the Right to Buy does not apply to organisations, like the Association, that are registered charities.

Enquiries and further information

If you'd like to ask us about anything in this leaflet – or about any service we provide – don't hesitate to contact us at:

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How to apply for a rented home with Perthshire Housing Association

Your questions answered...



This leaflet can be made available on cd, tape or other audio formats, in Braille, in large print and in languages other than English. Contact us for information.

This leaflet explains how to apply for rented housing with Perthshire Housing Association. It does this by providing answers to some of the more commonly asked questions. We cannot cover every possible question, so please feel free to contact us with any enquiry you have.

Please note we are happy to provide you with a full copy of our Lettings Policy on request.

How do I apply for a house?

To apply for rented housing with the Association, you should complete the Perthshire & Kinross Housing Register application form. By completing this form you will be considered for housing not only by us but also by the Council and Hillcrest Housing Association.

Due to the high demand for our housing stock the Association cannot guarantee to provide accommodation to everyone who applies to us for housing. We identify tenants for our houses and flats on the basis of housing need alone. We have adopted a points system as the fairest way of allocating our homes.

Can you tell me more about the Housing Register?

Perthshire Housing Association along with Perth and Kinross Council are partners in a Common Housing

Register. Whilst we are still totally separate organisations, we share the information that you supply on your housing application form. This saves you having to complete two separate forms.

However, both the Council and ourselves still use our own policies to award points according to your circumstances.

Perth and Kinross Council holds your application form in its records and we gain access to your details via a computer link. Any correspondence that you pass to us in relation to your housing application will be forwarded to the Council, to be kept along with your form.

Who does the Association consider for housing?

Anyone aged 16 or over can apply for housing with the Association. However, you will require having a degree of housing need before any points can be awarded to your application.

Do I have to live in Perthshire before I can apply?

The simple answer is no. Anyone from any area can apply for housing.

What size of house can I apply for?

This will largely depend on your personal circumstances. However,

please note that the Association allocates properties on the basis of the size of house that you need. This usually means that we will allocate the number of bedrooms you require as follows:

- One bedroom for single adults or adult partners
- One bedroom for every two children in your family
- Enough children's bedrooms to make sure you can separate sons and daughters if they are 5 years of age or over.

How do you assess my housing need?

The Association has a points scheme for allocating its houses. The questions in the application form are designed to ensure that all of your existing circumstances are taken into account when we work out how many points you have.

When you submit your application it is assessed – the number of points you have is calculated – and your details are entered on the housing register. When a house becomes available for letting in a particular area, the applicant who has requested that area and who has the most points will receive the first offer of the tenancy.

There are exceptions to this rule. We usually ask for housing references before offering tenancies and if an applicant has a history of serious

tenancy problems with another landlord, we may not make the offer of a tenancy.

The circumstances we take into account when calculating your points include:

- Whether you are homeless or threatened with homelessness
- Whether you live in lodgings, furnished accommodation, or temporary accommodation.
- The condition of your present house if it is sub-standard – for example, if it lacks a bath or shower, an inside toilet, or hot water.
- If you live in accommodation that is too small or too large for your needs.
- Whether you have suffered harassment or domestic abuse in your current house.
- If you have medical or support reasons for wishing to move house.

We can provide you with further information about the points that you would be entitled to on request.

Do you have houses in the areas I want to live?

The Association has housing of various sizes in many parts of Perth, the surrounding towns and villages and throughout Highland and East