



The housing register is set up to allocate vacant social / affordable homes to individuals and families in the greatest need of housing.

Who can join the Housing Register?

Applicants must be both eligible for housing and qualify for inclusion in the Register; applicants must be 16 years of age and not subject to immigration control.

With demand locally exceeding housing supply, the housing register enables the Housing Allocation Policy to give priority to those households in the greatest need and who have the closest connection with Milton Keynes, or in this case Olney and surrounding Parishes.

Those with a housing need should complete a full application online or make sure their current details are up to date if they have previously applied. <https://myhousing.milton-keynes.gov.uk>

It is generally the case that the properties available to the Council to allocate go to those households in greatest need, for example priority is given to the following groups who are banded A to D by priority:

- those faced with an emergency
- families living in very cramped conditions
- those who are homeless
- people with a medical need or severe disability

However, the properties in Olney have a ‘strong local connection criteria’ and this means that people with a housing need that have a local connection to Olney will be prioritised above those with a similar need who do not have a connection to Olney. Applicants will need to have a recognised housing need, but if you are not sure if you qualify contact the Council Allocation Team.

For the properties in Olney applicants must have a Strong Local Connection meaning a person who:

a) lives in Olney or an adjoining parish and has done so for a continuous period of at least 10 years; or

b) no longer lives in Olney or an adjoining parish, but who has lived in Olney or an adjoining parish for a continuous period of at least 10 years in the last 20 years; or

c) has an essential need arising from proven age or medical reasons to live close to another person who lives in Olney or an adjoining parish and who has done so continuously for at least 10 years; or

d) needs to live close to their place of work which is located in Olney or an adjoining parish; or

e) who otherwise meets the requirements of the Local Connection Policy

Joint applications

Where more than one eligible applicant wishes to have a shared application, they will be joint

applicants. For a joint application, all applicants must qualify and meet the conditions of eligibility.

A joint tenancy will not be granted to two or more people if either one of them is ineligible.

People who can be included in the application

An applicant can only include, in their application, people who normally live with them (or might

reasonably be expected to reside with them) as a member of their household. Usually this will

mean members of the applicant's close family.

Qualification for the Register

The following people as a basic rule do not qualify to join the Housing Register:

1. People who do not meet the threshold of housing need (Bands A to D) as defined in the Allocation Policy 2019
2. Applicants placed in temporary accommodation pursuant to the Housing Act 1996 by another Local Authority.
3. Owner-occupiers as a rule although exceptions do occur
4. Applicants who have a total gross household income in excess of thresholds set out in Table 1 unless they or a member of the family has a physical or mental health problem that makes private sector accommodation unsuitable or they have savings over £50,000 (£100,000 if of pensionable age).

Size	Income Threshold
1 bedroom	£33,000
2 bedrooms	£42,250
3 bedrooms	£52,000
4 + bedrooms	£64,200

Table 1: Income threshold

Banding

All qualifying applicants with an identified housing need and meet the local connection criteria will be awarded a Band, as in accordance with Milton Keynes Council Housing Allocations Scheme. Homes will generally be let to the applicant in the highest Band and longest waiting time, having expressed an interest in the home and meeting the advertised criteria.

Applicants will not qualify to join the Housing Register because of serious behaviour or former /current rent arrears. However, applicants will qualify to join the Housing Register but will be not be allowed to bid/ be allocated a property until the behaviour or rent arrears have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Council.

[Housing Allocations Policy 2019 \(2\).pdf](#)

To apply for the Housing Register, the link is: <https://myhousing.milton-keynes.gov.uk>

MKC Housing Allocations Team Contact telephone number: 01908 252937 (option 4)