



Factsheet

Local Authority Housing Register

Wiltshire Community-Led Housing is an independent support service for organisations who want to learn more about Community-Led Housing in Wiltshire and Swindon.

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The Need for Affordable Housing

House prices in many areas of Wiltshire and Swindon mean that people on low or modest incomes face difficulties finding decent, secure and affordable accommodation. Housing costs create barriers for certain groups, for example young people, who are forced to move away from the area to find a home. This upsets the balance of communities and can damage local services and take-up. In some areas this can result in closure of schools, shops and pubs and businesses may struggle to find local employees, as a result of housing being unaffordable to many from the area.

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Affordable housing can provide homes for people with modest incomes who can't afford accommodation on the open market. Affordable homes help to sustain communities by offering local people the chance to remain where they have strong connections, for example in the town or village where they grew up, or where they work. Affordable housing can include low-cost accommodation for rent, or shared ownership homes, allocated on the basis of need. Households wishing to be considered for affordable housing need to apply to join their Local Authority housing register. In Wiltshire the housing register is called Homes4Wiltshire. In Swindon the housing register is called Home Bid.

Eligibility Criteria - Joining the Housing Register

An applicant qualifies to join the housing register if they have less than £16,000 capital/savings and the household income is less than £30,000 per annum (for a single person) or £50,000 for a couple. There is also a requirement for the household to meet local connection criteria set by their Local Authority.

Overleaf is a summary of eligibility criteria for the Wiltshire and Swindon housing registers.

To apply to join the Wiltshire register, visit:

www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk

To apply to join the Swindon register, visit:

www.swindon.gov.uk/homebid

You will need to fill out an application form online and you will also need to provide documentation to support your application such as ID. Proof of residency in Wiltshire or an employment contract/payslip if your local connection is via employment.

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Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Housing Register

In Wiltshire you are eligible if you meet at least one of the following local connection criteria:

- Have lived in the Wiltshire Council area continuously for 2 or more years
- Are employed in the Wiltshire Council area or you have a job offer with a contract for at least 12 months
- Self employed in the Wiltshire Council area
- Are closely related to a person (a parent, a grandparent, an adult sibling or adult child) who is living in the Wiltshire Council area and has resided in the area for 5 or more years
- You urgently need to move to the Wiltshire Council area to receive health, care or support services which are unavailable where you currently live.

Some applicants are exempt from requiring a connection to the area including current and many former armed forces personnel, people fleeing domestic abuse and homeless persons whom the council has an obligation to re-house under the homelessness legislation.

Full details of qualifying criteria are available on the Homes4Wiltshire website:

www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk



Swindon Housing Register

In Swindon you are eligible if you meet at least one of the following local connection criteria:

- Have been resident in Swindon for at least 3 consecutive years at the time of your application to join the register
- Currently employed, for the last 12 months, within the Swindon Borough for 16 hours or more per week
- Self employed in the Swindon Borough for at least 12 months continuously

Some applicants are exempt from requiring a connection to the area including people who need to move to the area to provide essential support to an immediate family member (defined as a parent, grandparent or adult child), people fleeing domestic abuse, many former armed forces personnel and homeless persons whom the council has an obligation to re-house under the homelessness legislation.

Full details of qualifying criteria are available in the Swindon Borough Council housing allocations policy on the website:

www.swindon.gov.uk