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PUBLIC SECTOR HOUSING (GENERAL NEEDS) (ALLOCATION) (AMENDMENT) POLICY 2026

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Approved by Tynwald:

Coming into operation in accordance with paragraph 2

The Department of Infrastructure, having consulted all the local authorities that would be affected by it¹, adopts the following Policy under paragraph 1A(1)² of Schedule 3 to the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

1 Title

This Policy is the Public Sector Housing (General Needs) (Allocation) (Amendment) Policy 2026.

2 Commencement

If approved by Tynwald, this Policy comes into operation on [TBC]³.

3 Amendment of the Public Sector Housing (General Needs) (Allocation) Policy 2019

The Public Sector Housing (General Needs) (Allocation) Policy 2019⁴ is amended as follows.

4 Paragraph 3A inserted

After paragraph 3 (interpretation), insert —

¹ As required by paragraph 1A(2) of Schedule 3 to the Act.

² Paragraph 1A was inserted by Schedule 3 to the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011.

³ Under paragraph 1A(3) of Schedule 3 to the Act, this Policy shall not come into operation until it is approved by Tynwald.

⁴ SD 2019/0075.

«3A **Automatic uplift**

From 1 April 2027, the figures in the table in paragraph 3(1) of the schedule shall increase annually on 1 April by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the Cabinet Office for the preceding September, rounded up to the nearest whole pound.».

5 Paragraph 4 amended

- (1) Paragraph 4 (allocation of general needs public sector housing) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subparagraph (3), after “date of allocation.”, on a separate line, insert —
 «This is subject to sub-paragraph (3A).».
- (3) After subparagraph (3), insert —
 «(3A) The relevant housing authority may, where it is satisfied with any reasons which appear to the relevant housing authority to be sufficient, reduce the period of 3 months mentioned in subparagraph (3).».

6 Schedule amended

- (1) The Schedule (allocation of general needs public sector housing) is amended as follows.
- (2) In Part 1 (conditions for inclusion on a housing waiting list for general needs public sector housing) —
 - (a) in paragraph 2 (residential conditions) —
 - (i) in subparagraph (1), for “sub-paragraph (3)” substitute « sub-paragraphs (3) and (4)»; and
 - (ii) in subparagraph (2), for “sub-paragraph (3)” substitute « sub-paragraphs (3) and (5)»; and
 - (iii) after subparagraph (3) insert —
 «(4) The relevant housing authority may, where it is satisfied with any reasons which appear to the relevant housing authority to be sufficient, reduce the period of 10 years mentioned in subparagraph (1).
 - (5) The relevant housing authority may, where it is satisfied with any reasons which appear to the relevant housing authority to be sufficient, reduce the period of 3 years mentioned in subparagraph (2).»; and
 - (b) in paragraph 3 (financial conditions) —
 - (i) for the table in subparagraph (1), substitute —

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Household composition	Maximum income threshold	Household composition	Maximum income threshold
Single, no children	£35,800	Couple, no children	£50,200
Single, 1 child	£43,000	Couple, 1 child	£56,700
Single, 2 children	£47,800	Couple, 2 children	£59,800
Single, 3 children	£50,200	Couple, 3 children	£63,900

»;

- (ii) in subparagraph (2) —
 - (aa) after “assets”, insert «(including any interest accrued in respect of the applicant’s or joint applicants’ savings)»; and
 - (bb) after “£30,000.”, insert on a separate line —
 - «This is subject to sub-paragraph (4).»;
 - (iii) omit subparagraph (3).
- (3) In Part 2 (points system for general needs public sector housing), in paragraph 2, in the table, omit —
- (a) criterion 5 (gross annual income);
 - (b) criterion 9 (private sector tenant); and
 - (c) criterion 10 (financial property/assets).

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EXPLANATORY NOTE***(This note is not part of the Policy)***

This Policy makes a number of amendments to the Public Sector Housing (General Needs) Policy 2019 (as amended) [SD 2019/0075].

Paragraph 4 introduces an automatic uplift to the thresholds in line with inflation.

Paragraph 5 clarifies that the housing authority may exercise discretion to reduce the requirement to be resident on the Isle of Man for at least three months.

Paragraph 6 amends the conditions and criteria used to assess an applicant's place on the waiting list for general needs public sector housing.