



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Communities**

Young People Leaving Care Housing Process

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Who Are We?

- Housing Operational and Program Support team sitting within Department of Communities - Housing
- We centrally manage YPLC applications for children in care between the 15 – 17 years of age
- We are not Child Protection but do work closely with the Districts and Case Workers to assist in the process

Discussion Points

- Housing applications for young people in care
- Process for Leaving Care applications
- Other housing options and housing assistance
- Emailed questions

Housing's Role



Centralised unit that assesses eligibility for young people in care. Enquiries and applications through our centralised email Leavingcareregister@communities.wa.gov.au



We accept Housing application forms for children in care from aged 15 as part of the leaving care process



Regional Housing Service Officers manage the property only and do not provide tenancy management in the form of support for tenants

Email: Leavingcareregister@communities.wa.gov.au



Leaving Care Process

- A YPLC application is submitted by the Child Protection caseworker to our centralised email where it is assessed and registered.
- When a young person has been deemed eligible, the application is made 'active' and the file is assigned to the Housing office of the chosen zone for management
- Priority Housing applications are a separate process, and assessed by the regional housing office
- The young person must meet eligibility criteria for priority housing
- There is an appeal process

Brochure: [Which Zone Is For You](#)



Why a YPLC is not waitlisted

Application not submitted to Housing

Annual Review form has not been returned

Email: leavingcareregister@communities.wa.gov.au

Other Housing Options and Assistance

Options in addition to Public Housing

Community
Disability Housing
Program (CDHP)

Community
Housing

National Rental
Affordability
Scheme

Indigenous
Business Australia
(IBA)

Keystart

Bond Assistance
Loan

Private Rental
Aboriginal
Assistance Loan

CDHP v Public Housing

- Applicants can have concurrent Public Housing and CDHP applications
- Public Housing has properties for people with disabilities
- For CDHP, the person with the disability needs to be the applicant
- CDHP is managed by a centralised team and all applications must be emailed for eligibility assessment

Email: cdhpapplications@communities.wa.gov.au

Community Disability Housing Program (CDHP) – DSC & MHC

- Two different streams under CDHP- Mental Health(MHC) and Disability Services (DSC)
- MHC stream requires eligibility for the different programs, and referrals are not managed by Housing Transitions team . Referrals from a Mental Health Community clinical team
- CDHP- DSC is managed by HOPS team



Community Disability Housing Program (CDHP) - DSC

- Applications may be completed and submitted by disability support providers, advocates, guardians and or WA Government authority, such as the Department of Health
- CDHP does not provide crisis or emergency accommodation
- It is for people with a disability that require significant and ongoing support to live safely in the community



Community Disability Housing Program (CDHP) - DSC

Eligibility criteria includes:

- Aged 16 years and over
Nb: we accept YPLC at age 15 aligning with Leaving Care Process
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Reside and receive your income in Western Australia (WA)
- Not exceed the community housing income and asset limits for a person with a disability at both the time of the application and while occupying a CDHP property
- Not own property or land



NDIS – Special Disability Accommodation(SDA)

- “SDA funding is for housing specially designed or modified to suit the needs of people who have an extreme functional impairment or very high support needs”
- “Extreme functional impairment means that, even with appropriate home modifications and/or assistive technologies, a person will still need support with daily activities such as getting out of bed, getting dressed, preparing meals, accessing the community”
- “very high support needs means one or more of the following: that informal supports (people who don’t get paid for their help - often family or friends) can’t meet a person’s personal care needs, a person may have spent time a long time in a group home or residential aged care, a person may have behaviours that pose a risk to themselves or others.

Community Housing

- Rent is calculated based on income
- Not shared accommodation
- Opt out as part of Housing Options application
- Tenant pays 25% household income plus rent assistance.

National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS)

- Tenants must meet income eligibility criteria
- This is indexed May 30th each year. Limits found on DOC website or Department of Social Services (DSS) website
- Tenant pays 80% of Market Rent, and this is reassessed 1st, 4th and 7th year of occupancy

Indigenous Business Australia

- Income Limits Apply
- Other eligibility criteria applies
- www.IBA.gov.au
- Freecall 1800 107 107

Keystart

- Income limits apply
- Shared Equity schemes
- Visit DOC website and click on Housing
- www.keystart.com.au

Bond Assistance Loan

- Bond Payment to capped eligible amount
- Rent in Advance of two full weeks
- Paid directly to landlord/real estate agent
- Reimbursement to client within 8 weeks of tenancy commencement

Link: [Bond Assistance Loan Application Checklist and FAQ](#)

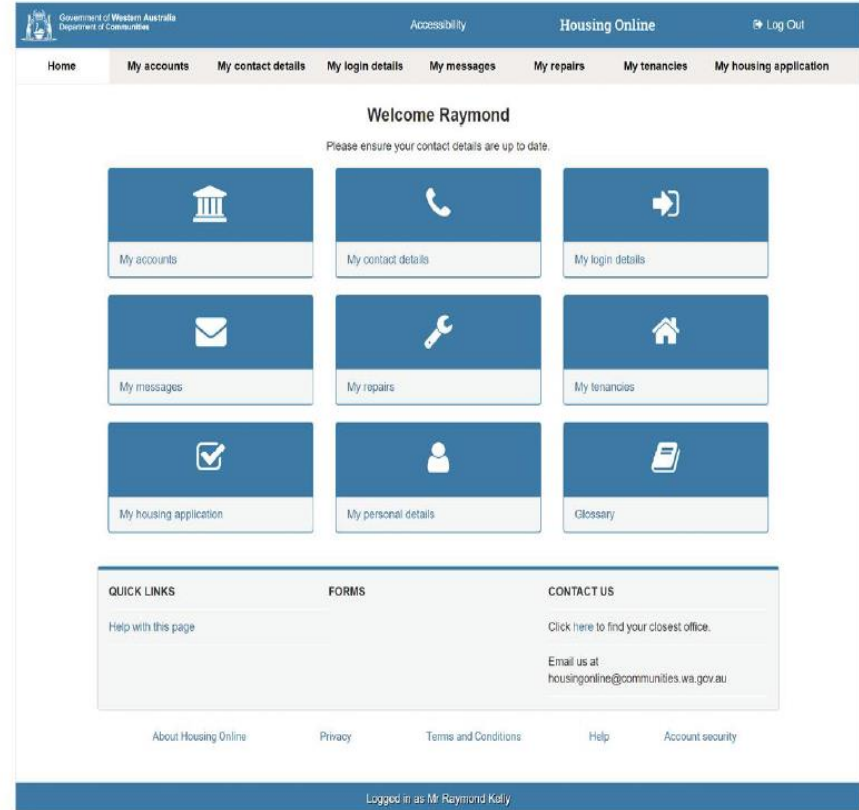
Private Rental Aboriginal Assistance Loan (PRAAL)

- Be a signatory to the tenancy agreement
- Have an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island Heritage, or have an Indigenous Australian child/family member in the household
- Minimum 2 weeks and maximum 6 weeks rental arrears assistance
- Not be a tenant of Community or Public Housing
- Sustain the tenancy
- Link: [PRAAL Brochure](#)

Housing Online

- Update contact details
- View account balances
- View messages
- View history of repairs for current tenancy
- View details of application for social housing

[Link: Housing Online Portal](#)



Contacts and Links

Leaving Care Applications and enquiries: leavingcareregister@communities.wa.gov.au

CDHP applications and enquiries: cdhppapplications@communities.wa.gov.au

Link: [Housing Online Portal](#)

Link: [Bond Assistance Loan Application Checklist and FAQ](#)

Link: [PRAAL Brochure](#)

www.keystart.com.au

www.IBA.gov.au

Email Questions

Housing may be provided to government staff as part of their employment. This is through Government Regional Officer Housing stock, which is separate to Public Housing allocations.

Housing shortage is not something we can comment on; however, the government has invested significantly in housing and homelessness measures to deliver new social homes and undertake maintenance and refurbishments on thousands more. Over 1500 homes have been delivered since the investment with more under contract and construction

A 'lack of transitional housing' stock is not something we can comment on, this is a strategy and policy discussion.

Questions





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Thank you for the opportunity
to present today.

