

Community Housing

The Department of Communities manages a number of programs to help community organisations provide housing for people who need support to live independently in the community.

The Community Disability Housing Program provides housing to non-profit community organisations, regional housing associations, local government and government and non government agencies, who manage the accommodation for their clients.

Tenants must be people with a disability who meet income or other eligibility criteria for public housing.

The Department of Communities also participates in joint venture arrangements with community organisations and agencies which contribute land and other resources to establish housing projects in partnership with the Department.

For further information on disability housing services, contact your nearest Department of Communities office, listed on the back of this brochure.

The Housing Authority operates within the Department of Communities.

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Housing Options for People with Disabilities



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The Department of Communities (Department) offers a range of housing options to help people with disabilities access appropriate and affordable housing.

This includes singles, couples, families, people who wish to share and people who need to live with a carer.

Options include:

- Mainstream rental housing:
 - Modifications to make housing more accessible
 - Purpose-built accommodation
- Community housing
- Home loans to purchase, build or modify private homes
- Bond Assistance Loans to access private rental accommodation

Who is Eligible

The Department of Communities defines a person with a disability as:

Any person with an intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive, neurological, sensory or physical impairment that is permanent or is likely to be permanent, which impacts on the housing needs of that person.

The supporting evidence you provide will assist the Department in determining your housing requirements.

In recognition of the additional costs that people with disabilities face, the Department will assess you based on its income limits for people with disabilities.

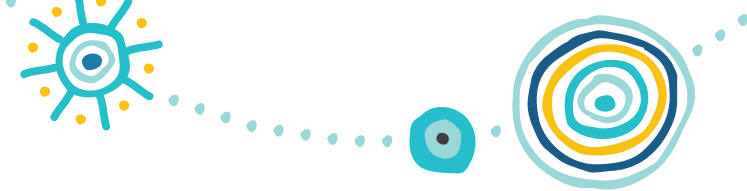
Rental Accommodation

The Department of Communities can assist with accommodation by allocating or modifying one of the existing public housing properties. In some instances, where the modifications are extensive, the Department may allocate a purpose-built property.

Applicants can also apply for a Bond Assistance Loan to assist with private rental accommodation.

If you are already a Department of Communities tenant please contact your Housing Service Officer to discuss your housing needs.

If required the Department can arrange for an Occupational Therapist to determine what modifications are needed in your home.



Home Ownership

The Department of Communities has a home loan scheme aimed at assisting people with disabilities to buy or build their own home or modify an existing home to cater for their needs.

People on Disability Support Benefits and their carers who are in receipt of a Centrelink Payment can apply for this loan. This loan program can also assist people with disabilities to refinance mortgages where income has been reduced permanently because of a disability.

For further information please contact KeyStart Home Loans - toll free **1300 366 055**

