

St Bart's

Community Housing

Social housing for low income earners in the community.



What is Community Housing?

Community Housing is social housing that is managed by not-for-profit organisations like St Bart's to assist low income earners with secure, sustainable and affordable rental housing.

Community Housing is different to Public Housing, which is managed by the WA Department of Communities (Housing). Community Housing tenants can apply for Commonwealth Rent Assistance to help with rent payments, whereas Public Housing tenants cannot.

When you apply for Public Housing with the WA Department of Communities (Housing), you can apply for Community Housing at the same time. If you do this, you increase your chances of being housed sooner because Community Housing organisations like St Bart's will be able to see your application.

St Bart's has more than 70 Community Housing properties across the Perth metropolitan area.

How Rent is Calculated

Rent is calculated in line with the Department of Communities (Housing) Community Housing Rent Setting policy.

Your rent is calculated at 25% of your total gross assessable household income (ie: your pre-tax income) plus any Commonwealth Rent Assistance you receive.

Household income is the total gross income of all people aged 16+ living in your property. Your rent is income related, so it will change if people move in or out of your property or if your household income changes.

St Bart's will never charge more than 74.99% of current market rent, which is the rent you would pay for a property of the same size, type and location if you were renting in the private market. The rent you pay will either be 25% of your total gross assessable household income plus any entitlement to Commonwealth Rent Assistance, or 74.99% of current Market Rent – whichever is the lower amount.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for Community Housing, you must meet the following criteria as set by the Department of Communities (Housing):

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Live in Western Australia and receive your income here
- Earn no more than the current income limits
- Not own or part own property or land
- Not have cash assets more than current limits
- Be able to prove your identity
- Be 16 years of age or above

How to apply for Community Housing

To apply for Community Housing, you first need to apply for housing with the WA Department of Communities (Housing).

When lodging your application for housing with the WA Department of Communities (Housing), all you need to do is tick the box on the application form that asks whether you would like to be considered for Community Housing.

To apply for housing with the WA Department of Communities (Housing), visit housing.wa.gov.au.



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