

## **WHAT KIND OF HOME CAN I APPLY FOR?**

Wolverhampton City Council have a variety of homes of different types and sizes available.

The type and size of home **you** will be eligible for depends on who is in your household and is determined by the Council's Allocations Policy. Your eligibility will be decided when your Homes in the City application is assessed.

### Household Categories

Please note that **all** household categories could include other people aged 16+ living with them. These members of the household may affect the size of home you can apply for, but will not change the category you are in.

<b>Singles</b>	Single applicant with no children under the age of 16 living with them.
<b>Couples</b>	Joint applicants with no children under the age of 16 living with them.
<b>Families</b>	Single or joint applicants with children under the age of 16 living with them.
<b>Aged 60+</b>	Single or joint applicants one of whom is aged 60+ and who have no children under the age of 16 living with them.
<b>Disability</b>	Households with at least one person who has a disability who has been assessed as needing adapted property.

### Property types available

<b>Flat</b>	Priority for ground floor flats is given to applicants requiring one level accommodation and access without climbing stairs. Studio flats have a combined living room and bedroom
<b>Maisonette</b>	A maisonette is a flat on two levels with its own internal staircase; some maisonettes have a private garden.
<b>House</b>	Houses are reserved for applicants with children under the age of 16 living with them. Parlour houses have two living rooms downstairs.
<b>Bungalow</b>	Bungalows are reserved for applicants aged 60+ or disabled applicants assessed as needing a bungalow.
<b>Sheltered</b>	Sheltered housing is reserved for those aged 60+ or disabled applicants assessed as needing sheltered housing
<b>Very Sheltered</b>	Access to very sheltered housing is decided by a multi-agency panel and is based on assessment of support needs

## Property eligibility

**Adapted** A home that has been adapted for use by a person with a disability. Priority is given to applicants whose needs best match the adaptations that are in the property.

### Scarce Homes

Some types of homes are in **very** short supply within Wolverhampton City Council housing stock, these are shown below:

- **5 bed house** = 29
- **6 bed house** = 16
- **4 bed bungalow** = 6 (Figures accurate as at November 2008.)

Even if you are eligible for one of these, it may be that there are none available in your preferred areas of the City.

### Bedroom eligibility guide

The size of home you can apply for depends on the number of bedrooms your household needs. Factors including medical need, social need, disability and bedroom release can also affect bedroom eligibility.

- Each single person aged 16+, or adult couple is eligible for 1 bedroom
- Children of the same sex can share a bedroom until they are 16
- Children of opposite sex can share a bedroom until they are 10

### Releasing bedrooms

Council and Housing Association tenants living in Wolverhampton are given additional priority if they are transferring to a smaller property. Their eligibility is based on the size of property they wish to move to and the level of priority they have been given.

**Current eligibilities are given below**

## Singles and couples

Singles and couples	Studio	1 bed flat	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais.	3 bed mais.
eligible for 1 bedroom	✓	✓	✓		✓	
eligible for 2 bedrooms			✓		✓	
eligible for 3+ bedrooms				✓		✓

Single and couples – bedroom release	Studio	1 bed flat	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais.	3 bed mais.
eligible for 1 bedroom	✓	✓				
eligible for 2 bedrooms			✓		✓	
eligible for 3+ bedrooms				✓		✓

## Families

Families	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais	3 bed mais	2 bed house	2 bed parlour	3 bed house	3 bed parlour	4 bed house	4 bed parlour	5 bed house	6 bed house
eligible for 2 bedrooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
eligible for 3 bedrooms		✓		✓			✓	✓				
eligible for 4 bedrooms								✓	✓	✓		
eligible for 5+ bedrooms										✓	✓	✓

Families – bedroom release	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais	3 bed mais	2 bed house	2 bed parlour	3 bed house	3 bed parlour
eligible for 2 bedrooms	✓		✓		✓	✓		
eligible for 3 bedrooms		✓		✓			✓	✓

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**Aged 60+**

<b>Applicant 60+</b>	studio	1 bed flat	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais	3 bed mais	1 bed bung	2 bed bung	3 bed bung	4 bed bung
eligible for 1 bedroom	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
eligible for 2 bedrooms			✓		✓			✓		
eligible for 3 bedrooms				✓		✓			✓	
eligible for 4+ bedrooms										✓

<b>Applicant 60+ - bedroom release</b>	studio	1 bed flat	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais	3 bed mais	1 bed bung	2 bed bung	3 bed bung	4 bed bung
eligible for 1 bedroom	✓	✓					✓			
eligible for 2 bedrooms			✓		✓			✓		
eligible for 3 bedrooms				✓		✓			✓	

Property eligibility

**Disabled singles and couples**

Disabled single applicant and couples	studio	1 bed flat	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais	3 bed mais	1 bed bung	2 bed bung	3 bed bung	4 bed bung
eligible for 1 bedroom	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
eligible for 2 bedrooms			✓		✓			✓		
eligible for 3 bedrooms				✓		✓			✓	
eligible for 4+ bedrooms				✓		✓			✓	✓

Disabled single applicant and couples – bedroom release	studio	1 bed flat	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais	3 bed mais	1 bed bung	2 bed bung	3 bed bung
eligible for 1 bedroom	✓	✓					✓		
eligible for 2 bedrooms			✓		✓			✓	
eligible for 3 bedrooms				✓		✓			✓

**Disabled families**

Disabled families	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais	3 bed mais	2 bed bung	3 bed bung	2 bed house	2 bed parlour	3 bed house	3 bed parlour
eligible for 2 bedrooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
eligible for 3 bedrooms		✓		✓		✓			✓	✓

Disabled families	4 bed bung	3 bed parlour	4 bed house	4 bed parlour	5 bed house	6 bed house
eligible for 4+ bedrooms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

### Property eligibility

<b>Disabled families – bedroom release</b>	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais	3 bed mais	2 bed bung	3 bed bung	2 bed house	2 bed parlour	3 bed house	3 bed parlour
eligible for 2 bedrooms	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		
eligible for 3 bedrooms		✓		✓		✓			✓	✓

### Disabled aged 60+

<b>Disabled aged 60+</b>	Studio	1 bed flat	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais	3 bed mais	1 bed bung	2 bed bung	3 bed bung	4 bed bung
eligible for 1 bedroom	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			
eligible for 2 bedrooms			✓		✓			✓		
eligible for 3 bedrooms				✓		✓			✓	
eligible for 4+ bedrooms				✓		✓			✓	✓

<b>Disabled aged 60+ - bedroom release</b>	Studio	1 bed flat	2 bed flat	3 bed flat	2 bed mais	3 bed mais	1 bed bung	2 bed bung	3 bed bung	4 bed bung
eligible for 1 bedroom	✓	✓					✓			
eligible for 2 bedrooms			✓		✓			✓		
eligible for 3 bedrooms				✓		✓			✓	