

## PROPERTY ELIGIBILITIES

Among the stock of Council properties in the City there are a number of types and sizes.

The type of property an applicant is eligible for depends on the size and make up of their household. The eligibility will always be given when a property is advertised.

Eligibilities will be kept under review to ensure that the Council is able to respond to changes in supply and demand.

Current eligibilities are:

The Council and Housing Association homes in Wolverhampton have a variety of homes of different types and sizes available.

The type and size of home an applicant is eligible for depends on who is in the household and is determined by the Council's Allocations Policy. Eligibility will be decided when the Homes in the City application is assessed.

### Household Categories

Please note that **all** household categories could include other people aged 21+ living with them. These members of the household may affect the size of home that can be applied for, but will not change the category the applicant is in.

**Singles** Single applicant with no children under the age of 21 living with them.

**Couples** Joint applicants with no children under the age of 21 living with them.

**Families** Single or joint applicants with children under the age of 21 living with them. Children will be added to an application after evidence of pregnancy greater than 3 months.

**Aged 60+** Single or joint applicants one of whom is aged 60+ and who have no children under the age of 21 living with them.

**Disability** Households with at least one person who has a disability who has been assessed as needing adapted property.

### Property types available

**Flat** Priority for ground floor flats is given to applicants who are over 55 years old or applicants requiring one level accommodation and access without climbing stairs or 1 or 2 steps. In the event that there are no suitable applicants then the offer will be made to the oldest applicant within bands. Studio flats have a combined living room and bedroom. Families and couples will be considered for 2 bedroom flats prior to single people.

**Maisonette** A maisonette is a flat on two levels with its own internal staircase; some maisonettes have a private garden.

**House** Houses are reserved for applicants with children under the age of 21 living with them. Parlour houses have two living rooms downstairs.

**Bungalow** Bungalows are reserved for applicants aged 60+ or applicants with an immediate need for a fully adapted or purpose build property or have a progressive degenerative disease and their needs are such they will require a fully adapted/purpose built property imminently.

**Adapted** Homes that have been adapted for use by a person with a disability. Preference will be given to applicants whose needs best match the adaptations in the property in the event that there are no suitable applicants then the offer will be made to another case in accordance with normal Allocation Policy

### Bedroom eligibility guide

The size of home that can be applied for depends on the number of bedrooms the 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

**Current eligibilities are given below**

## Allocation of two/three bedroom flats/maisonettes

Where there is a couple or parent/s with children they will be considered for these properties ahead of single applicants.

### Singles and couples

<b>Singles and couples</b>	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				✓		✓

<b>Single and couples – bedroom release</b>	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

<b>Families</b>	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										✓	✓	✓

<b>Families - bedroom release</b>	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		✓		✓			✓	✓

## 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				✓		✓			✓	

## 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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

<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				✓		✓			✓	