



POH1803

HOUSING ALLOCATION AND ELIGIBILITY POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Women's Property Initiative (WPI) participates in the Victorian Housing Register (VHR). The VHR is a common register for all applicants seeking public and community housing in Victoria.

Under the VHR's allocations framework, WPI is required to target 75% of allocations of true vacancies of social housing to Priority Access applicants, and 100% of allocations of true vacancies of affordable housing to Register of Interest applicants. Eligibility criteria set by WPI is in accordance with its social mission.

POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to all long-term rental properties owned or managed by WPI.

This policy does not apply to the following housing programs run by WPI:

- properties managed by WPI on behalf of other private property owners where the owner retains responsibility for allocation of housing.

PURPOSE

This policy establishes the approach of WPI to:

- the prioritisation and allocation of vacant properties in its long-term rental housing portfolio;
- successful and sustainable tenancies and communities through the matching applicants to properties; and
- the setting of eligibility criteria for long-term housing in accordance with WPI's social mission.

POLICY STATEMENT

WPI is committed to promoting a successful and sustainable tenancy of its properties. This approach means that WPI will:

- give appropriate priority to households in need of housing assistance when allocating housing;
- consider the individual needs of applicants when allocating housing;
- support sustainable and harmonious communities;
- allocate long-term housing to eligible applicants;
- be fair, transparent and equitable;
- aim to relieve households from housing stress;
- support the financial viability of WPI's long term housing programs;
- communicate clearly to applicants and the community as to who is eligible for long-term housing with WPI; and
- act in accordance and comply with its contractual, legal and regulatory obligations relating to eligibility for long-term housing.

The WPI Board may from time to time implement changes to this policy. The revised policy will apply to all tenancies on and from the date of the change. WPI will implement strategies to mitigate the effect of any changes to this policy on tenants and households.

RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION



PPH1831 Housing Allocation Procedures
PPH1832 Eligibility for WPI Housing Procedures
POH1804 Rent Setting and Subsidy Policy
PPH1841 Rent Setting and Subsidy Procedures

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Housing Act 1983 (Vic)
Residential Tenancies Act (Vic) 1997
Guidelines for Registered Housing Agencies published by DHHS
Performance Standards for Registered Housing Agencies
DHHS Victorian Housing Register Operational Guidelines

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