

## Eligibility Criteria for Housing for the Elderly in the Waikato District

The following are the criteria for eligibility for Housing for the Elderly:

- 1 Applicants must be 65 years of age or over.
- 2 Applicants must **not** be in full time employment.
- 3 The combined value of the applicant's assets (**excluding** car, furniture and personal household effects, but **including** property, cash, shares, trusts, investments) must not exceed the figures below:
  - Single person \$17,500
  - Couple \$20,500
- 4 Any applicant on a benefit other than an age related benefit, national superannuation or war pension and who is over 65 years old will be considered if the applicant's sole source of income is fixed.
- 5 The applicant must have a housing need as determined by Waikato District Council.
- 6 Applicants must be in a position to care for themselves independently (medical certificate to be supplied).
- 7 The applicant must be a permanent New Zealand resident or citizen of New Zealand.
- 8 Applicants who own land or property may not qualify.

Please note that only pets kept mainly indoors such as fish or caged birds, or one cat, are permitted in this housing. No dogs are allowed.

### Consideration of applications will be based on

- Length of residence in the Waikato District
- Area of residence
- Urgency for accommodation due to current circumstances
- The need for proximity to relatives in the Waikato District
- In the case of a married couple, at least one spouse meeting all the eligibility criteria.

### **NOTE**

**Each application will be considered individually on its merits.**

**Waikato District Council reserves the right to determine the eligibility or otherwise of any applicant, including the right to request references from past landlords.**

### **PRIVACY ACT 1993**

The information provided on this form will be used to process your housing application and to allocate accommodation if your application is successful. Some of the information will be shared with other staff in necessary circumstances (e.g. Finance Department) and inquiries may be made to outside organisations such as your landlord or Work and Income. The information requested is not required by law, but if insufficient information is provided with your application, it may not be considered. Under the Privacy Act 1993, you have a right of access to this personal information and you are also entitled to request information about you to be corrected when required.