

# APPLYING FOR WINTRINGHAM HOUSING GUIDE

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Thank you for your interest in Wintringham Housing.

Wintringham is a not-for-profit organisation that is renowned for its quality in care and support for older people. Wintringham Housing is a subsidiary of Wintringham and a registered Housing Association. Together, they work to ensure support is provided alongside affordable housing, in order to promote long term sustainable tenancies.

Wintringham<sup>1</sup> provide accommodation options across Victoria and Tasmania, however this housing guide relates to housing available in Victoria only.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ☐ Aged 50 years and over
- ☐ Able to live independently in the community (may require some support or assistance)
- ☐ Australian citizen, or permanent resident of Australia
- ☐ Approved applicants through the Victorian Housing Register (VHR) – Priority Access

Income and Asset limits are set by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. For the most up to date asset limits, visit:

<https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/social-housing-eligibility>

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<sup>1</sup> Both Wintringham and Wintringham Housing will be referred to as 'Wintringham' for the remainder of this document.



## REGISTERING YOUR INTEREST FOR WINTRINGHAM HOUSING

### 1) VHR Registration with Priority Access

There are 3 ways to register on the VHR

- Online Application
- Paper Application
- Through a Support Agency

When you apply through the VHR, you can elect to have your application automatically registered with other Housing Associations including Wintringham and Homes Victoria.

You can access more information on how to apply, download the application form and other special consideration forms by visiting <https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing>

If you are homeless or at risk of homelessness, you may be eligible for Priority Access. You might need a Housing Support Worker to fill in a Priority Access application form with you.

Please contact our Intake and Service Information team on 9034 4824 if you would like to be referred to a Housing Support Worker to assist you.

**If you are currently homeless and need assistance, please contact Opening Doors on 1800 825 955 (Free call - 24 hours/7 days)**

### 2) Completing Wintringham's Assessment Forms

- Part A - Referral and Intake
- Part B - Housing Information

You can download these forms from our website or contact our Intake and Service Information team.

Our housing is assessed on need and priority. The Referral and Intake Form and Housing Information Form will help us to assess your housing and support needs. If you have a Support Worker from another agency, you might ask them to help you complete the forms.

Our Intake and Service Information team can be contacted if you need further advice.

**NB.** If you are a Support Worker from an Access Point assisting an applicant, you will only need to submit Part A – Referral and Intake form, if you also attach the IAP referral form.



### 3) Completing Consent Forms

- Centrelink Authority Income and Asset Consent
- Consent to Obtain and Exchange Information (if you are self-referring only)

You can download this form from our website or contact our Intake and Service Information team. The consent forms will allow Wintringham to access your income and asset details from Centrelink, in order to determine eligibility, and provide consent to provide and obtain information.

Your information is private and confidential. You can refer to our Privacy Policy located on our website for more information on how we collect, use, disclose and store your information.

### COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Where is our housing located?

Please indicate your preference when completing Part A - Referral and Intake Form.

Melbourne Metro		Regional Victoria	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Avondale Heights (Jack Gash)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benalla
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carlton (Audrey Rainsford)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bendigo (Patricia Larkin)
<input type="checkbox"/>	City CBD (Ebsworth)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown Hill / Ballarat
<input type="checkbox"/>	City CBD (Gilford Lane)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Castlemaine
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coburg (Gilgunya)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Euroa
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coburg (Lyndell White)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geelong (Belmont)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delahey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geelong (Manifold Heights)
<input type="checkbox"/>	East Bentleigh	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geelong (Highton)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flemington (Patrick Walsh)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geelong (Park St)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kensington (Atkins Terrace)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gisborne (Macedon Ranges)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Williamstown (Lionsville)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heathcote
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Maryborough
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Romsey (Macedon Ranges)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Shepparton (Maude St)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Shepparton (Jimmy Kennedy)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	St Arnaud

If you would like more information about any of the housing sites listed above, please visit our website. Alternatively, you can print off a copy [here](#).

### **Can Wintringham house families?**

Most units are single occupancy. We have a small number of two bedroom units in St Arnaud, Shepparto and Coburg, which are suitable for couples, or established care or share arrangements. For these properties, both applicants must be eligible for Wintringham Housing. Please complete a Referral and Intake form per person. Both applicants need to be 50 years of age.

### **What is the rental cost?**

Rental fees for housing are based on the income of a resident and their associated assets. It will not be any more than 25-30% of your income.

### **REMEMBER**

You can contact our **Wintringham Intake and Service Information** team on **9034 4824** if:

- you need information on how to apply to the VHR
- your housing situation changes
- you need to update your contact details

Do not forget to state your preferred Wintringham housing locations on your application.

Due to high demand for Wintringham Housing, we cannot guarantee an offer of housing to all applicants.

You can send your completed forms to:

**Email to: [intake@wintringham.org.au](mailto:intake@wintringham.org.au); or**

**Post to: PO Box 193, Flemington Victoria 3031**

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you are registering for Wintringham Housing without a Support Worker, we will send you confirmation we have received your application.

If a Support Worker has assisted you with the application, we will send confirmation via your worker.

## THANK YOU

## DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered on the VHR – Priority Access
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Part A – Referral and Intake Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access Points to attach IAP referral Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Indicate housing location preferences
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Part B – Housing Information Form (for self-referrers and non Access Points).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Centrelink Authority – Income and Asset Consent Form
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete a Consent to Obtain and Exchange Information Form