## **Priority access application (accessible)**

A Victorian Housing Register application

## Office use only

Date received	Received by	Service ID	Date registered	Complete? Yes or No

## Filling in this form

Use this form to apply for Priority Access to social housing from the Victorian Housing Register (the Register). For more information about the register and how to complete this application for social housing, please read the Victorian Housing Register guide, available from <a href="HousingVic's Apply for social housing">HousingVic's Apply for social housing</a> <a href="https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing">https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing</a> or by contacting one of our <a href="https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office">https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office</a> >.

When submitting this application, you will be required to provide documentation to confirm your circumstances. Refer to the **document checklist** for more information.

If the required documents are not provided, we cannot complete the assessment.

## Before you start

If you have access to the internet, you can apply online at the <u>MyGov website</u> <a href="https://www.my.gov.au">MyGov website</a> <a href="https://www.my.gov.au">https://www.my.gov.au</a>. Applying online means your application is submitted immediately.

For more information about applying online you can visit the <u>HousingVic website</u> <a href="https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing">https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing</a>>.

## HousingVic Online Services

## Get started with myGov

You may need a myGov account to get started. It only takes a few minutes to set one up at MyGov <a href="https://www.my.gov.au">https://www.my.gov.au</a>.

### Link to HousingVic Online Services

Open **myGov's** 'Services' section and pick 'HousingVic Online Services' – this will link it to your myGov account.



Open HousingVic online services and select 'Victorian Housing Register application' to complete your application.

Once you have filled out the online application and attached to the online form any documents needed, a copy of the completed application will be sent to your nominated email address.

For more information about how to link and access to HousingVic Online Services visit <u>HousingVic's Online Services page</u> <a href="https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/online-services">https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/online-services</a>.

### Need help or require this document in another format?

Go to the <u>HousingVic Social housing page</u> <a href="https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/social-housing">https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/social-housing</a> or contact one of our offices <a href="https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office">https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office</a>.

#### Get immediate assistance

If you are experiencing family violence and need immediate assistance, call the Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre on 1800 015 188.

If you are homeless and need accommodation, call the housing crisis line on 1800 825 955 to speak to a housing and support worker.

These services are free and operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### Documents required for each household member

When submitting this application, you must attach documentation to confirm your eligibility. Refer to the following **document checklist** for more information.

## Submitting a paper application form

Use **blue** or **black** pen. Write in **CAPITAL** letters. Mark boxes with an **X**.

Mail to:

Victorian Housing Register
Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
Reply Paid 933
MOE VIC 3825

No postage stamp required.

## Special accommodation requirements

You must complete an Application for special accommodation requirements if you or a household member will require:

- housing in a particular area so you can access specialist treatment, care or education
- · a particular type of housing due to limited mobility or a medical or mental health condition
  - disability modifications to be installed in the property (for example, grab rails, lever taps)

The form can be found under the Special housing needs section of the <u>HousingVic's Apply for social housing page</u> <a href="https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing">https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing</a> or by contacting one of our <u>offices</u> <a href="https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office">https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office</a> >.

## Document checklist

Read this list carefully. Not including required documents will delay approval of your application as we cannot commence the assessment process. Additional documentation may be required if you are applying for priority access, refer to the documents listed under each priority section.

Document type	Mark with X		
Proof of Identity documents for each household member			
All household members who are over 15 years of age and receiving an independent income, must provide 100 points of identification to establish their identity.			
For accepted documents that can make up 100 points of identification, refer to <a href="HousingVic's proof of identify page">HousingVic's proof of identify page</a> <a href="https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/proof-identity">https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/proof-identity</a> or by contacting one of our offices.			
Residency status documents for each household member not born in Australia			
Only people on your application who do not receive a primary income support payment (such as a pension or allowance) from Centrelink need to give us residency status documents.			
This could be an Australian Citizenship Certificate, immigration visa, passport or a letter from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.			
Confirmation of any children's names and custody arrangements			
You will need to give us a copy of a Medicare card, Health Care Card, or a birth certificate or extract to confirm the names of the children.			
If you are requesting additional rooms for child access arrangements, documentation from a solicitor, the Family Law Court, or a statutory declaration from the primary caregiver to confirm the custody arrangements.			
<b>Proof of income</b> If you receive an income from Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), you will need to give us an income and asset statement that is less than two weeks old or complete Section D: Consent to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices.			
If you have a paying job, you will need to give us a pay slip or a wage statement signed by your employer. It needs to show your wages before tax for the past 13 weeks.			
If you are self-employed, please have an accountant complete a profit and loss statement for the last 13 weeks.			
Proof of assets			
If you or a household member is receiving payments from Centrelink, we will get your asset information from your Centrelink statement.			
For each person who does not receive a payment from Centrelink, we will need:			
<ul> <li>a copy of your bank book or bank statement not more than four weeks old – an automated teller machine (ATM) statement is allowed as long as it shows the name of the account holder</li> </ul>			
documents stating the value of any other assets you own or have an interest in.			

## Section A: About you

In this section we will ask for information about you.

As the primary applicant, you are the person who owns this application. It is your responsibility to contact us if there are any changes to this application. All contact about this application, including housing offers, will only be with you.

## **Existing Victorian Housing Register application**

Q1	Do you or a household member have an existing Victorian Housing Register
	application?

Option	Mark with X
No	
Yes	

If yes, please provide the application number and go to Priority access information.	

Q2 Do you currently live in social housing or have you recently left social housing due to safety issues?

Option	Mark with X		
No			
Yes, Public housing			
Yes, Community housing			

If yes, what is the name of the organisation managing your tenancy?	

### **Personal information**

### Q3 Title

Title	Mark with X
Mr	
Miss	
Ms	
Mrs	
Dr	
Prof.	
Other	

Other (please specify)					
Q4 First na	ame				
First name					
Q5 Middle	name				
Middle name					
madic name					
Q6 Last na	ame				
Last name					
Q7 Preferr	red name (if any)				
Preferred name	e e				
Q8 Previou	Q8 Previous full name (if any)				
	me at birth, maiden name, previous married name or alias				
Previous name					
Q9 Date o	f hirth				
Date of birth					
Date of birth					
Q10 Gende	<u> </u>				
Gender	Mark with X				
Male Female					
Indeterminate					
Intersex					
Other					
Q11 Relationship status					
Option	Mark with X				
Single					
Partnered					

Q12 Aboriginal status or	Torres Strait Islander status
Options Ma No Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Both	ark with X
Q13 Australian Defence F	Force Veteran or immediate family member of a veteran
Option Mark with X No Yes	
Q14 Country of birth	
Option Mark with X Australia Other	
Other (please specify)	
Postal address	
All letters about your application will contacted by email instead, but we	Il be sent to your postal address. Over the page you can nominate to be still need a postal address.
Q15 Street name and nur	nber
Street name and number	
Q16 Suburb or town and	postcode
Suburb or town Postcode	
rosicode	
Residential address	
Q17 Residential address	
Option	Mark with X
Same as postal address – conti	nue to Q20

New Zealand resident

Q19 Suburb or town and postcode Suburb or town				
Suburb or town				
Postcode				
Contact details				
Q20 Telephone  Telephone				
Q21 Email address				
Email				
Q22 I prefer to be contacted by  Option				
Q23 Preferred language  Language Mark with X  English				
Other				
Other language (please specify)				
Residency details				
Q24 Australian residency status				
Status  Australian citizen  Temporary Protection Visa  Sponsored migrant				
Permanent resident Protection Visa				

Status		Mark with X			
Resolution of S	tatus Visa				
Visa Subclass					
(For Temporary	Protection Visa, Prot	ection Visa and Res	olution of Sta	tus Visa)	
Q25 Date o	f arrival in Austra	alia			
Date of arrival	in Australia				
Q26 Are yo period?	u affected by Ce	ntrelink's two-y	ear newly	arrived resi	idents waiting
The expiry date	s two years from your	arrival date to Austi	alia.		
Option	Mark with X				
No					
Yes					
Is yes, specify	the expiry date				

#### Document required – proof of residency

You will need to provide proof of Australian Residency. This could be an Australian Citizenship Certificate, Immigration Visa, Passport or a letter from the Department of Home Affairs.

### Q27 Are you or your partner expecting a child?

This may be through birth, adoption or permanent care. We need to know this to work out how many bedrooms are needed for your household.

Option	Mark with X	
No		
Yes		
Due date or arrival date		

#### Document required - expecting a child

**Provide a letter from a doctor confirming when the baby is due**, or from the person or organisation that is arranging the adoption or permanent care confirming when the child will be in your care.

## Section B: Privacy

## Q28 Privacy

When you contact us, we will always confirm it's you. For security, you may want to add a password and security question.

#### Q29 Password

Answer

Providing a password will make it easier for us to confirm your identity when we speak to you over	the
telephone. It will also make it harder for someone else to access your application information.	

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Password
Q30 Security question and answer
250 Security question and answer
roviding a security question will help prove your identity if you forget your password.
Choose something that only you know the answer to and you haven't posted online.
Question

## Section C: Centrelink Confirmation eServices

### **Important**

If you receive a Centrelink payment and agree to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices, you will not need to tell us about your income or assets.

It will save you time and you may get a faster response to your application.

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Option	Mark with X
No, go to Section D (Income and Assets)	
Yes, continue	

Consent to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices

I authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (Centrelink) to provide the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (the department) with the results of the enquiries I have indicated below in order to enable the department to determine if I qualify for social housing services.

I understand that the information provided by Centrelink to the department may contain the following:

- income confirmation personal information such as (but not limited to) current or historical details of Centrelink payments received, dependants, marital or partnered status, Centrelink deductions, income from sources other than Centrelink and assets
- **contact and address verification** my current address and contact details, and also my address history (up to two years), which the department may use to support a Priority Access application.

I authorise the department to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink enquiry of my Centrelink income, asset and payment details.

I understand this consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of the department, unless I revoke it by contacting the department or Centrelink.

I understand that if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances or details, I may not be eligible for the service provided by the department.

### Q32 I consent to using the following:

I consent to using	Mark with X
Both income confirmation and contact and address verification (recommended)	
Only income confirmation	
Only contact and address verification	

Only income confirmation				
Only contact and address verification				
Q33 Full name				
Full name				
Q34 Centrelink Reference Number (CRN) and date of birth  Centrelink Reference Number (CRN)				
Date of birth				

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Q35 Signature and today	5 Signature and today's date		
Signature			
Today's date			

## Section D: Income and assets

If you have **agreed to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices**, you do **not** need to fill out this section. Go to <u>Section E</u> (Housing options).

## Document required - proof of identity

Provide **Proof of identity documents** with your application. See the **document checklist** for more information.

Q36 Centreli	nk Reference	Number (C	CRN)		
Centrelink Refe	rence Number				
Q37 Departn	nent of Vetera	ns' Affairs	(DVA) numb	er	
Department of \	/eterans' Affairs n	number			
Income det	ails				
	Centrelink paymerncome administere	•			ffairs, compensation rustees).
Q38 Income	information				
Income type				Gross income	(per week) (\$)
Document requ	uired – proof of	income			
Provide <b>Proof of</b> i more information.	ncome document	s for all incom	e types listed at	pove. Refer to the	e Document checklist for
Real estate	details				
Q39 Do you	own or part-ov	wn any rea	l estate or la	ind?	
Option	Mark with X				
No, go to Q48					
Yes, continue					

#### Document required - real estate

**Provide a letter** from an approved valuer or solicitor stating your **property's market value and your equity** in it. If you part-own the property, we need information that details your share. If the property is held in trust, we need a letter from the executor of the estate.

Q40 Real estate or la	nd value
Real estate or land value	
Q41 Street name and	number
Street name and number	
Q42 Suburb or town a	and postcode
Suburb or town	
Postcode	
Q43 Are you able to I	ive in the property permanently?
Option Mark with X	
No	
Yes	
Document required – un	able to live in the property permanently
If you are unable to live in the	property permanently, provide documents that explain why.
Q44 Can this real est	ate or land be sold?
Option Mark with X	
No	
Yes	
Q45 Is the property for	or sale?
Option Mark with X	
No	
Yes	
Document required – pro	operty for sale
If the property is for sale, <b>prov</b>	vide a document from the real estate agent confirming this.
Q46 If you answered	No to any of these questions, tell us why:
If you answered no to any	of these questions, tell us why:

	e property sully Court?	bject to a dispute or an application for settlement in the
Option	Mark with X	
No		
Yes		
Yes – Reaso	n	

#### **Document required – Family Court action**

If there is a dispute or application for settlement, **provide a document from your solicitor including details of ownership**.

#### **Asset details**

An asset is something you own that can be turned into money – like shares, businesses, mobile homes and any cash you have in the bank. In addition to your assets, if you are expecting to receive a payout from an organisation like WorkSafe or the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), please list it here.

#### Q48 Asset information

Asset type	Value (\$)	Can the asset be cashed in or sold? (State yes or no)

#### Document required – proof of assets

Provide **proof of asset documents** for each asset listed. See the **document checklist** for more information.

## Adding other adult members

If you have additional adult household members you would like to add to your application, you can use the Additional adult household member form available from <a href="https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing">https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing</a> or contact your local office.

## Section E: Housing options

### **Housing options**

Q49 What type of social housing are you applying for?

Type of housing	Mark with X
Community and public housing	
Public housing only	
Community housing only	

Community and public housing offer long-term rental accommodation for people on low incomes.

**Public housing** is managed by the state government. It is for people most in need, especially those who have recently experienced homelessness or have other special needs.

**Community housing** is managed by not-for-profit organisations. Some specialise in helping people with a disability, women, singles or older people.

#### Q50 Are you interested in any of the following types of community housing?

For more information about these types of housing, see the **Victorian Housing Register guide**, available from <u>HousingVic's Apply for social housing page</u> <a href="http://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing">http://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing</a> or by contacting one of our <u>offices</u> <a href="https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office">https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office</a>.

Type of housing	Mark with X
Community-managed rooming house	
Rental co-operative	
Aboriginal housing	

**Community-managed rooming houses** offer rooms with shared facilities (for example a shared kitchen and/or bathroom) or rooms with self-contained facilities (kitchen and bathroom). In addition, the rooming house may also have other shared spaces such as a communal living room.

**Rental co-operatives** empower their residents by getting them actively involved in the management of their housing cooperative. Tenants must be willing and able to participate in the running of the cooperative.

Applications specific to **Aboriginal housing** will be assessed by Victorian Housing Register eligibility criteria in addition to the following:

- Confirmation of Aboriginality for at least one permanent household member
- Outstanding charges to AHV incurred during current or previous tenancies
- Applicants and other household members who have outstanding charges may be approved to the waiting list. However all outstanding charges must be paid before AHV will enter into a Residential Tenancy Agreement with the applicant.
- During the previous 12 months the applicant(s) and/or household member(s) were not evicted as a tenant of an AHV property for non-arrears tenancy breaches.

## Section F: Location

### **Preferred location**

#### Q51 Suburb or town

You can choose up to five waiting list areas to live in. We may offer you a property in any suburb from these areas.

Suburb or town	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

You could be offered housing in any one of your preferred locations or their surrounding areas.

Waiting list areas where you could be offered housing generally include more than one suburb or town. The full list of areas is available in the **Victorian Housing Register guide** or from the <u>HousingVic Apply for social housing</u> <a href="https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing">https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing</a> or by contacting one of our <u>offices</u> <a href="https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office">https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office</a>.

### Section G: Additional household members

If you have additional adult household members you would like to add to your application, you can use the Additional adult household member form available from <a href="https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing">Housing Vic.social-housing</a> or contact your local office.

#### Q52 Dependent child/ren details

Please provide details of all dependent children you want to add to your Victorian Housing Register application.

Name	Date of birth	Gender	ATSI status	Australian Residency status	Primary carer

ATSI status: Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Both, Neither.

**Australian residency status**: Australian citizen, Temporary Protection Visa, Sponsored migrant, Permanent resident, Protection Visa, New Zealand resident, Resolution of Status Visa.

#### Document required – dependent children

You will need to give us a copy of a Medicare card, Health Care Card, or a birth certificate or extract to confirm the names of the children.

You will also need to provide Residency status documents for each household member not born in Australia. This could be an Australian Citizenship Certificate, immigration visa, passport or a letter from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

If you are requesting additional rooms for child access arrangements, we will also need documentation from a solicitor or the Family Law Court, or a statutory declaration from the primary caregiver to confirm the custody arrangements.

## **Priority access information**

In the next sections we will ask about your current housing needs and circumstances. This information will help us to assess whether your circumstances meet one of the priority access categories. Priority access to housing is given to people who can demonstrate an urgent housing need. The questions are directed at you; however, they can apply to anyone who will be living with you.

You may also be required to complete a Special Accommodation Requirements form together with your medical or other relevant professional. The form can be found under the Special housing needs section of the HousingVic's Apply for social housing page <a href="https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing">https://housing.vic.gov.au/apply-social-housing</a> or by contacting one of our offices <a href="https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office">https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/contact-a-housing-office</a>.

If your circumstances do not meet one of these priority access categories, you will be approved for the Register of Interest as long as you meet the eligibility requirements.

## Section H: Urgency of your housing needs

### Your safety

Q53 Are you experiencing or at risk of family violence where you are living now, or have you left where you were living before to escape family violence?

Option	Mark with X
Yes	
No	

#### Document required - your safety

If yes, you will be contacted to arrange for a housing worker to sight one of the following documents:

If you have started legal proceedings:

- an intervention order or an interim intervention order, or an application for one of these
- a Family Court restraining order
- a letter from a solicitor confirming that criminal proceedings have commenced against the alleged perpetrator of the violence.

If you have not started legal proceedings, a letter from a medical practitioner or community support worker confirming you are unsafe in your housing because of family violence.

Q54 Are you being threatened with physical violence by someone who does not live with you or were you forced to leave your home due to a serious threat of violence?

Option	Mark with X
No, go to Housing Modifications (Q57)	
Yes, continue	

#### Document required - physical violence

If yes, you will be contacted to arrange for a housing worker to sight one of the following documents:

If you have started legal proceedings:

 an intervention order or an interim intervention order, or an application for one of these OR

Alternatively you can provide a verbal or written report from a member of a federal, state or territory police service that includes:

- details of police involvement in the situation
- confirmation that you or someone you live with is under serious threat of physical violence.

If you are unable to get the police involved, we will need a report from a community support worker. The report should address:

- why you or someone you live with is threatened with physical violence
- reasons why the police cannot resolve the problem.

#### Q55 Where are you currently living?

Where are you currently living?	Mark with X
In the property where I am threatened with physical violence	
I have moved to temporary accommodation (for example emergency or transitional housing or staying with family and friends)	
Neither	

Q56 Are there any specific suburbs that you cannot reside in due to an ongoing threat of family violence or physical harm?

Please list			

#### **Document required – specific locations**

A letter or report from a support worker, the police or your solicitor detailing the specific location(s) you cannot reside in.

### **Housing modifications**

If you require modifications, your occupational therapist (or related professional) will need to complete an Application for Special Accommodation Requirements.

Your occupational therapist will need to provide a report detailing what modifications you require and whether those modifications are already installed or can be installed where you live now. They will also need to describe the impact that your current housing is having on your health and wellbeing, and to confirm whether it is essential that you be moved to other accommodation.

#### Medical needs

### Q57 Do any of these circumstances apply to you?

Circumstance	Mark with X
I need housing without stairs because of limited mobility, and I live in housing with stairs now	
I have a medical condition and I need to access specialist medical or care services I can't get to from where I live now by private or public transport	
Someone I live with needs to attend a specialist education facility and they can't get to it from where we live (for example, you live outside of the zone for a special school that your child can attend, and the only way your child can attend is to move to another area)	
I need a full time live-in carer but I can't have one because my housing is too small or in the wrong area	
My housing has a harmful effect on my health or medical condition (for example, an aspect of your housing can't be managed or changed and it is having a harmful effect on your health or medical condition)	
No, go to Inappropriate housing (Q59)	

Q58	If any of these circumstances apply to you	u, explain why your current housing
	is unsuitable.	

Your explanation		

#### Document required - unsuitable housing

Ask your medical professional, or other relevant professional to complete an **Application for special accommodation requirements** to tell us what type of housing you need and where you need to live.

They also need to describe the impact your current housing is having on the wellbeing or medical needs of yourself or your household member/s.

## Inappropriate housing

To decide if you need at least two or more bedrooms, we consider the following:

- two children of the same gender, under 18 years of age, share one room
- · two siblings of the same gender, regardless of age, share one room
- two children of any gender, both under six years of age, share one room.

#### Q59 Do any of these circumstances apply to you?

Circumstance	Mark with X
I have children in my care and live in a private rooming house, hotel room or caravan without access to our own cooking or bathroom facilities	
My current housing forces parents or other adults to share bedrooms with children	
My current housing forces children of different genders to share a bedroom (where at least one child is six years or older)	
I need housing with at least two more bedrooms than where I am living now	
I am living in social housing and it is having a negative impact on my wellbeing or the wellbeing of other renters	
I am living in privately managed shared housing or privately managed rooming house that is having a long term detrimental effect to my health or wellbeing	
No, go to Family reunification (Q65)	

Q60 Does your household intend to live together on an ongoing basis?

Option	Mark with X
Yes	
No	

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Q61 Has your	current household lived together for at least the past six months?
Option Mark with	th X
No	
Q62 Is your cur	rrent accommodation overcrowded?
•	nmodation overcrowded due to an increase in dependents, or because your household person who either needs ongoing care or provides ongoing care to another household
Option Mark with Yes	th X
No	
Q63 Are all me	mbers of your household living with you now?
Option Mark wit	th X
Yes No	
Q64 If not, spe	cify their names and the reason why.
Names	Reason
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Names	Reason

#### Document required - lease

Provide a copy of your lease or a support letter from a real estate agent, community support agency or tenancy worker confirming:

- · your living arrangements
- the number of bedrooms and the people now living in the household
- all household members have resided together for at least six months.

You do not need to show that all household members have been living together for at least six months if:

- you are a family with children living in accommodation with shared kitchen or bathroom facilities
- you had an increase in dependents
- you took in a household member in need of care, or who provides care to an existing household member.

You can also have your treating health practitioner complete an Application for Special Accommodation Requirements and describe the impact your current housing has on your medical condition.

### **Family reunification**

Q65 Are any children included in this application unable to live with you due to the size of your current housing, or has a Child Protection caseworker expressed concerns about your current accommodation before you can be reunited with your children?

Option		Mark with X	
No, go to I	nsecure Housing (Q68)		
Yes			
Q66 Exp	olain where the chi	ildren are currently li	ving.
Your expla	anation		
Q67 Are	•	ne care of the Depar	tment of Families, Fairness and
Option	Mark with X		
No			
Yes			
If yes - na	me of Child Protection	caseworker	

#### **Document required – children in care**

If the children are living with someone else (that is, not with you, or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing), a letter from a community support worker or statutory declarations from you and the person with whom the children are residing will be required to confirm the:

- · current housing circumstances of all household members
- date it is expected that you and your children will live together on a permanent basis.

If Centrelink payments for the children are received by the person the children are staying with, we need a statutory declaration confirming whether the arrangement is voluntary and whether the children will live with you when you have appropriate housing.

## Insecure housing

Q68 Are you living in transitional housing, emergency housing or crisis housing such as a refuge?

Option	Mark with X
No	

Option	Mark with X
Yes	

Q69 Are you living temporarily with family or friends who are unable to provide longer term housing?

Option	Mark with X
No	
Yes	

#### **Document required – temporary housing**

If you answered yes, you must seek help from a homeless service or other housing-related support organisation to find housing. The intake worker must complete Section K to tell us about your housing situation and confirm the help they have given you.

You must also provide us with one of the following documents:

• If you are staying with a friend or family member then you will need to provide written confirmation (a signed Statutory Declaration) from the housing worker **or** the person you are staying with that you are unable to stay on a long-term basis, the reason you cannot remain there, and the date you will have to leave.

### Special Housing Needs aged 55 years and over

Q70 Are you single or partnered with no dependants and are 55 years of age or over?

Option	Mark with X
No	
Yes	

If yes, you may be eligible for priority access to housing. You are not required to provide any additional documentation for this priority category.

## Section I: Alternative housing

If you currently live in public or community housing, go to Section J (Support needs)

Q71 What is the main issue you experience when looking for housing?

Issue		Mark with X	
Discrimination	on		
Medical nee	ds		
Escaping far	mily violence		
Rental histo	ry		
Household s	size		
Support nee	ds		
Language ba	arrier		
Unable to a	ccess affordable housing		
Other			
If you mark	ed 'Other' please provide detail	s	
Q72 Has housing?	a housing or other suppo	ort worker help	ed you to look for alternative
Option	Mark with X		
No			
Yes			

#### Document required – alternative housing

**If yes**, please provide a letter from the service that helped you, confirming the assistance they have provided and whether or not you were able to obtain housing.

**If no,** please write a brief explanation of your housing history and outline your attempts to get alternative housing, including private rental in the section below.

Refer to the Victorian Housing Register guide for more information about what we are asking for.

Your explanation		

## Q73 What other efforts have you made to find housing?

Effort	Mark with X	
Asked family and friends		
Applied to more than one real estate agent or landlord		
Nothing		
Other		
Other (please specify)		

## Section J: Support needs

In this section we ask about your support needs.

By support, we mean assistance from a community organisation to establish or maintain your tenancy. The organisation that provides you with housing may be able to link you to a community support organisation when you move in.

#### Q74 Current support needs

Do you have any current support needs or are currently receiving support for any of the following options? Mark any that apply.

Speech Intellectual Physical Specific learning Homelessness Psychiatric Hearing Aged care Drugs and alcohol Vision Neurological Autism Acquired Brain Injury Family violence Aged care assessment service (ACAS) National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Veterans and families support services Department of Veterans' Affairs None Other Other (please specify)	Option	Mark with X	
Physical Specific learning Homelessness Psychiatric Hearing Aged care Drugs and alcohol Vision Neurological Autism Acquired Brain Injury Family violence Aged care assessment service (ACAS) National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Veterans and families support services Department of Veterans' Affairs None Other	Speech		
Specific learning Homelessness Psychiatric Hearing Aged care Drugs and alcohol Vision Neurological Autism Acquired Brain Injury Family violence Aged care assessment service (ACAS) National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Veterans and families support services Department of Veterans' Affairs None Other	Intellectual		
Homelessness Psychiatric Hearing Aged care Drugs and alcohol Vision Neurological Autism Acquired Brain Injury Family violence Aged care assessment service (ACAS) National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Veterans and families support services Department of Veterans' Affairs None Other	Physical		
Psychiatric Hearing Aged care Drugs and alcohol Vision Neurological Autism Acquired Brain Injury Family violence Aged care assessment service (ACAS) National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Veterans and families support services Department of Veterans' Affairs None Other	Specific learning		
Hearing Aged care  Drugs and alcohol  Vision  Neurological  Autism  Acquired Brain Injury  Family violence  Aged care assessment service (ACAS)  National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)  Veterans and families support services  Department of Veterans' Affairs  None  Other	Homelessness		
Aged care  Drugs and alcohol  Vision  Neurological  Autism  Acquired Brain Injury  Family violence  Aged care assessment service (ACAS)  National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)  Veterans and families support services  Department of Veterans' Affairs  None  Other	Psychiatric		
Drugs and alcohol  Vision  Neurological  Autism  Acquired Brain Injury  Family violence  Aged care assessment service (ACAS)  National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)  Veterans and families support services  Department of Veterans' Affairs  None  Other	Hearing		
Vision  Neurological  Autism  Acquired Brain Injury  Family violence  Aged care assessment service (ACAS)  National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)  Veterans and families support services  Department of Veterans' Affairs  None  Other	Aged care		
Neurological Autism Acquired Brain Injury Family violence Aged care assessment service (ACAS) National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Veterans and families support services Department of Veterans' Affairs None Other	Drugs and alcohol		
Autism  Acquired Brain Injury  Family violence  Aged care assessment service (ACAS)  National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)  Veterans and families support services  Department of Veterans' Affairs  None  Other	Vision		
Acquired Brain Injury  Family violence  Aged care assessment service (ACAS)  National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)  Veterans and families support services  Department of Veterans' Affairs  None  Other	Neurological		
Family violence  Aged care assessment service (ACAS)  National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)  Veterans and families support services  Department of Veterans' Affairs  None  Other	Autism		
Aged care assessment service (ACAS)  National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)  Veterans and families support services  Department of Veterans' Affairs  None  Other	Acquired Brain Injury		
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)  Veterans and families support services  Department of Veterans' Affairs  None  Other	Family violence		
Veterans and families support services  Department of Veterans' Affairs  None  Other	Aged care assessment service (ACAS)		
Department of Veterans' Affairs  None Other	National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)		
None Other	Veterans and families support services		
Other	Department of Veterans' Affairs		
	None		
Other (please specify)	Other		
	Other (please specify)		

### Q75 Do you have a guardian or administrator?

A guardianship order is a legal document that gives a person (called a 'guardian') power to make decisions on behalf of another person about personal matters. This may include decisions about where you live, health care and access to services. In some cases, there may be more than one guardian (called 'joint guardian's).

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Administration orders give a person (called an 'administrator') the power to make decisions on another person's behalf about their finances and associated legal affairs.

Mark with X

Option	mark with A	
No		
Yes		
Please specify		_
Future supp	ort needs	
i didic supp		
Q76 If you mo	ve into social housing, will you requir	re any support?
Option		Mark with X
No		
Yes, I need help to	establish my tenancy (less than 12 months)	
Yes, I need help to	sustain my tenancy (more than 12 months)	
O77 Will your	need help with any of the following?	
QII VVIII you i	leed help with any of the following:	
Option		Mark with X
Address current fin	ancial issues	

Build on living skills
Link into local disability services

Link into local mental health services

Link into safety planning or family violence support

Help with exit plans from medical institution or prison

Find community supports in new housing area

Address housing factors (isolation, instability, property maintenance issues)

Link into veterans and families support services

## **Authority to provide information**

Q78 Do you want another person or organisation to be able to make enquiries about your application on your behalf?

If you get help from a guardian, administrator, support service, health professional or other individual you can give us their details here if you want them to be able to speak to us about your application. You can change your mind about this at any time.

Option			Mark with X	
No, go to	Declaration, ackno	owledgement and consent		
Yes, conti	nue to <b>Q79</b>			
Q79 Pe	rson's details	(if any)		
Required	information	Your answer		
Name				
Organisati	ion name			
Address				
Suburb or	town			
Postcode				
Telephone	9			
Email add	ress			
Q80 WI	nat type of hel	lp or support do they p	rovide?	
Describe	the help or supp	ort		
Q81 Do	you consent	to us contacting the pe	erson above about	your application?
Option	Mark with X			
Yes				
No		1		
Q82 Wł person?	nen we write t	o you, do you want a c	copy of the letter se	nt to your support
Please spe	ak to them about t	his first, so that they can expe	ct to receive copies of let	ters we send you.
Option	Mark with X			
Yes				
No				

# Declaration, acknowledgement and consent

I declare that all the information provided in this application for the Victorian Housing Register is true and correct.

I understand that as the primary applicant I have sole responsibility in my household to respond on all matters about this application, including offers of accommodation from social housing organisations.

I acknowledge that I must advise the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (the department) if my circumstances change, and update the department with any details that are relevant to my Victorian Housing Register application.

I understand that if I enter into a tenancy agreement with any social housing organisation including the department, my application will be removed from the Victorian Housing Register as my housing need will have been met.

I confirm my consent for the department to provide my application to the social housing organisations I have nominated in my application.

I authorise the Director of Housing, or officers acting on behalf of the Director of Housing to confirm information concerning this application with those people and organisations I have previously nominated, including, if applicable, my Child Protection caseworker and the individual or organisation that has completed Section K of this application.

I confirm my consent for the department to send copies of correspondence to those people and organisations I have nominated in my application to receive copies of correspondence.

**Warning:** If you wilfully give information that is untrue in any particular in this application, you may be liable to penalties under section 40 of the **Housing Act 1983 (Vic)**.

By signing this form, I have		Mark with X
Completed all applicable area	s of the form	
Attached all relevant documer	nts indicated as required	
If you are being supported, yo Confirmation)	ur support worker has completed Section K (Eligibility	
Full name		
Signature		
Date		

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## Section K: Eligibility confirmation

## Stop

**Do not fill out this section.** It should only be filled out by a worker from a homeless service or other housing related service if asked in <u>Section I (Alternative housing)</u>.

The following questions relate to the applicant listed at the front of this application or one of their household members.

Q83 Orga	nisation name
Organisation	name
Q84 EPRI	N (External Party Reference Identification Number)
EPRIN	
Q85 Addre	ess estate the same of the
Street numb	er and name
Suburb or to	wn
Postcode	
Q86 Telep	phone
Phone numb	er
Housing	situation
	e applicant living in temporary housing, such as transitional housing, a e, crisis housing or emergency accommodation?
Option	Mark with X
No	
Yes	
Q88 Is the	e applicant living temporarily with family or friends?
Option	Mark with X
No	
Yes	

Q89	Provide details about the a	pplicant's housing situation.	
Provi	ide details		
Q90	What is the date the applic can they stay?	ant arrived in this accommodatior	n and how lon
Provi	ide date and length of stay		
Q91	What is the reason they ca	n't remain there?	
Provi	ide reason		
Q92	What assistance have you	provided the applicant?	
Assis	stance type		Mark with X
	ssment by IAP worker for placement or ort service	on prioritisation list and possible referral to	
	e and assistance on housing options ility for the bond loan scheme and po	, including private rental information, ssible funds towards rent in advance	
Inform Regis		ınity and public – and the Victorian Housing	
Help	to source and secure long term accor	mmodation	
	claration by commu		
circum		n A of this application has demonstrated that Register Priority Access guidelines under the	_
The ap	oplicant has received the assistance i	ndicated above.	
This se	ervice has not been able to secure pe	ermanent accommodation for the applicant.	
Work	ter's full name		
Work	er's signature		

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