

Access to Housing in Islington

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Housing Registration

On the List

- 16000+ on the list – The list consist of council tenants ,housing association tenants, private rented tenants and homeless applicants.
- **Applying for housing – the process**
 - Proof of identity; birth certificate or passport/IND documents.
 - Proof of residence; bank statements, medical cards, letters from the benefits agency.
 - Other checks; HB, land registry, Experian, tenancy agreement and home visit.

Role of Medical Officer and what is considered?

The role of the Medical Officer is to independently assess medical application forms received

- Medical points may be awarded if the applicant's medical condition is made worse by their property.
- A decision is made by the medical advisor.
- The Timeframe is six weeks
- The medical officer may need to seek further information from consultants
- Carry out home visit if necessary.

Available Housing Options

Seaside & Country Homes Scheme:

Open to existing social housing tenants living in London, for household aged 55 +.

Homefinder UK:

Mobility scheme offering available social housing in lower demand areas in the North and North East of the country.

Homeswapper and HouseExchange: two search sites that Islington subscribe to and is free for Islington Council tenants to use. Islington's 2 mutual exchange officers available for help.

Downsizing: Islington offer high priority to tenants moving to smaller home (fewer bedrooms). Incentives available for Islington Council tenants.

Overcrowding Officer: Dedicated officer to offer advice to severely overcrowded applicants (lacking 2 or more bedrooms).

Contact: Tel 020 7527 4140 Option 3 or Email: Downsizing@islington.gov.uk

Bidding process

- Islington operate a choice-based lettings scheme
- Applicants must have 120 points or more to bid for vacant properties
- Vacant properties are advertised on Islington 's home connection .
- Bids open on Thursday and closes Sunday midnight
- Applicants can bid for up to three bids a week

6055 people on the list with over 120 points as of August 2024

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1 beds	3048
2 beds	1307
3 beds	1098
4beds	415
5 beds	124
6beds	42
7 beds	10
8 bed+	11
Total	6055

Available properties April 2024/2025

- 772 social housing vacancies have been let from April 2024 to end of January 2025
- 51% of lettings were bedsits/one-bedroom properties.
- 29% were two-bedroom properties.
- 16% three-bedroom
- 4% four-bedroom or larger (41 properties)