



The Fresh Start Scheme

It's your choice to make the right move

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The Fresh Start Scheme offers housing outside of London. If you are unhappy with your current home or waiting for a transfer, you may have to wait many years for suitable accommodation. This scheme will enable you to start afresh by moving outside of London into private rented accommodation or sheltered housing (age 55 and over).

What is the Fresh Start Scheme?

Due to high demands for Council and Housing Association properties in and out of London, the Council has introduced the private renting out of London scheme. This gives Hackney residents a chance to move out of London to their areas of choice quickly.

Opportunities for social housing still exist in a wide range of areas for applicants over 55 years of age.

What is Private Renting?

The private rented sector includes accommodation which is owned and managed by an individual landlord or letting agent. The rent is set at market rates and tenancies

are normally shorter in comparison to the social rented sector. It is possible for tenancies to be renewed on an annual basis.

There are more properties available in this area and you will be able to move quickly.

Can I be assisted with social housing?

Social Housing is registered social landlords properties owned and managed by the Council or Housing Association. The rent is generally lower than market rent and tenancies are usually longer.

To obtain social housing properties you need to make a direct application to the council in your area of choice.

What do I need to know before I start?

There are many things you need to think about before you start looking for somewhere to live:

- What property size would you like?
- How much is the weekly rent?
- Will you be entitled to housing benefit?
- Will the rent be affordable if you are working?

How do I apply for the Fresh Start Scheme?

You can find your own property in any area of your choice in the UK, however, this cannot be a London borough. A list of estate agents in your chosen area can be provided if required.

Who can apply?

To join the scheme you must be a Hackney resident and either:

- On the Council's housing register (General band upwards)
- A Council, Housing Association or private tenant

Permission to join the scheme may be refused if you are in rent arrears or if you have a history of anti-social behaviour. If you have rent arrears, you will need to make arrangements to clear them before applying to join the scheme.

Financial Assistance

If you are moving into private rented accommodation the Council will pay the following:

- Equivalent of eight weeks local market rent for the area you are moving to. This may be paid directly to the landlord to cover your rent in advance and deposit if required.
- Travelling expenses to view the property you have accepted.

If you are moving into social housing, the Council will pay the following:

- Expenses to view the property (maximum of two viewings)
- Removal expenses of £500 if you want to arrange the removal yourself.

If you decide to move

Before you agree to accept an offer of a home, you need to check the following with your landlord:

- Rent payments
- The tenancy agreement is for a minimum of one year
- Ensure you sign the tenancy

agreement and agree a tenancy start date

- If repairs are required check when this will be carried out.

You will need to give appropriate notice to your existing housing office or your landlord if you intend to move from your current address.





Further Information

For more information on the Fresh Start Scheme or to arrange an appointment for an interview, please contact the Lettings Initiative Team on 020 8356 5751

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