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Register for a home to rent

<u>MyHomeChoiceFyIdeCoast</u> provides a single point of contact for Blackpool, FyIde, and Wyre residents to apply for affordable housing. This allows you to join the housing register and browse the homes available from **all** major local social housing providers.

You can find affordable homes from:

- Blackpool Coastal Housing (managing Blackpool Council homes)
- Great Places Housing Group
- Muir Group
- New Fylde Housing
- Places for People
- Regenda Group
- Lumen Housing

Apply to join the housing register

Local connection

The housing register for affordable housing is only open to people with a **local connection** to Blackpool, Fylde, or Wyre. You have a local connection if:

- You have lived in one of the local authorities for the last 3 years
- Work here
- Have close family who have lived here for at least 5 years
- You are serving in the armed forces

Apply

To apply to join the housing register you must be over 16 years of age, although you will normally be 18 years old before you will be offered a tenancy.

Apply to join the housing register

Once your application has been accepted, you will be able to express an interest in available properties that are advertised each week on the MyHomeChoiceFyIdeCoast website.

Property details are also available from each organisation's local offices.

You can express an interest by telephone, email, or by calling into one of the housing offices.

Who can apply for council and social housing

Anyone with a local connection can apply for social housing through the My Home Choice Fylde Coast system, but most homes are let to people in the greatest housing need.

The full details of how applications are assessed and homes are allocated can be found in our <u>Fylde Coast CAP Revision October</u> 2013[PDF 921KB]

We are currently upgrading the My Home Choice Fylde Coast system to make it easier to use and recently consulted on changes to how homes are let. A summary of the consultation responses MHC Consultation Summary January 2018 [PDF 344KB]. The new system with a revised policy are expected to go live from September 2018.

Other housing options

There is a high demand for homes in many parts of Blackpool and the Fylde coast area.

You are more likely to find an affordable home if, on registering, you are given a high priority.

This could be because you're threatened with homelessness or you're suffering from overcrowding, a relationship breakdown, harassment, or a medical condition.

If you do not have a high priority, you may need to consider other options such as renting in the private sector.

More information about renting a home is available in the Department for Communities and Local Government guide How to rent

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