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Purpose of the Blackpool self-build and custom housebuilding register?

The government wants to enable more people to build or commission their own homes. If you are seeking to acquire a serviced plot of land for self-build or custom housebuilding in Blackpool you can apply to be entered on this register. This register will provide the council with an indication of the demand for this type of housing in Blackpool.

The council can then take this information into account in its future plans, strategies and decision-taking. This will include using evidence in the register to inform the Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Document, which will allocate sites for housing and other uses, as well as providing development management policies to guide appropriate development.

There is no requirement in legislation for local authorities to provide plots themselves, or to identify a specific plot for entrants on the register.

There is no guarantee that a plot that meets the needs of individual register entrants will be identified, or become available.

As of the 1 April 2019, there was one individual on the Blackpool register.

Further information on custom build can be found on the [National Custom and Self-Build Association](#) website portal or through the [self-build portal](#).

These sites provide practical advice including on access to land and finance for custom and self-build for individuals.

What is self-build and custom housebuilding

Self-build usually means that an individual or group is directly involved in organising the design and construction of their new home(s).

Custom housebuilding usually means that an individual or group works with a specialist developer to help to deliver their new home(s).

Apply for entry on the register

To apply to Blackpool Council for entry in the register please complete [Form 1 \[PDF 235KB\]](#) if you are an individual or [Form 2 \[PDF 253KB\]](#) if you are a member of an association.

You will be eligible for entry on the register as an individual if you are:

- Aged 18 or over
- British citizen, a national of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom or a national of Switzerland; and
- Seeking (either alone or with others) to acquire a serviced plot of land within Blackpool to build a house to occupy as your sole or main residence

An association is eligible for entry if each member of the association meets all of the eligibility requirements for an individual, as set out above.

In order to comply with a) and b) the council will need to see documentary evidence to confirm that you are aged 18 and over and that you are a British citizen, a national of an EEA state other than the United Kingdom, or a national of Switzerland. The list of possible documents you may provide is set out on the form. You can provide this information to us in one of the following ways:

By Email*

Print the relevant pdf application form and complete it. Scan the completed form and copies of the required identification documents. Send the completed form and copy of the identification documents by email to:

development.plans@blackpool.gov.uk

By Post*

Print and complete the relevant pdf application form. Make a copy of the required identification documents. Post the completed application form and copies of the identification documents to us. **Please do not send original documents.**

Our address is:

Development plans
Blackpool Council
PO Box 17
Corporation Street
Blackpool
FY1 1LZ

* Certification of documents

When sending in your completed forms by email or post, you will need to certify the confirmation of nationality prior to sending. This can be done either at the post office or by using a solicitor. The post office currently charge £8.75 (cash only), for this service (charge subject to change).

In person

Print and complete the pdf application form and bring the required identification documents to the Municipal Buildings on Corporation Street. We will copy the documents for you and you can take the originals away.

Forms 1 and 2 ask you to enter some detailed information including the size, location, timescale and design of the home you would like to build, and information about your current circumstances.

If you need any assistance please contact us: 01253 476267 or email development.plans@blackpool.gov.uk

Determination of an application for entry on the register

Once you have submitted a completed application for entry on the register the council must determine this application within 28 days of the date that the application was received.

If you are eligible for entry on the register the council will make an entry on the register and notify you giving you a unique reference number.

If the council determines an applicant is not eligible for entry on the register we must notify you and give reasons.

All notification by the council will be sent within 28 days of the date of determination of your application.

Applying to amend an entry in the register

An individual or association entered on the register can apply to amend this entry. Please contact development.plans@blackpool.gov.uk to amend an entry giving your register reference number. The council will amend your entry within 28 days of receiving this request.

Applying to remove an entry in the register

An individual or association entered on the register can apply to remove an entry on the register. Please contact development.plans@blackpool.gov.uk to remove an entry giving your register reference number. The council will remove your entry

Privacy

Your personal information will be treated as confidential. We will only publish details of the headline data on the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding revealed by the register.

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