

Confidentiality

When you apply for housing you may be required to provide personal information to support your application. This could include details of any medical condition.

Personal details and official information remain confidential and will not be disclosed to members of the public or other organisations without proper consent or authority.

Interpreter Service

If you have difficulty understanding English, contact the Translation and Interpreting Service (TIS) on **131 450**.

How do I apply?

You can obtain an Affordable Housing application form by contacting SGCH by telephone, email or in person.

Completed application forms, together with any support documentation, should be forwarded to us at the address shown overleaf.

SGCH will assess each application and make offers in accordance with the eligibility criteria for the program and our documented policies and procedures.

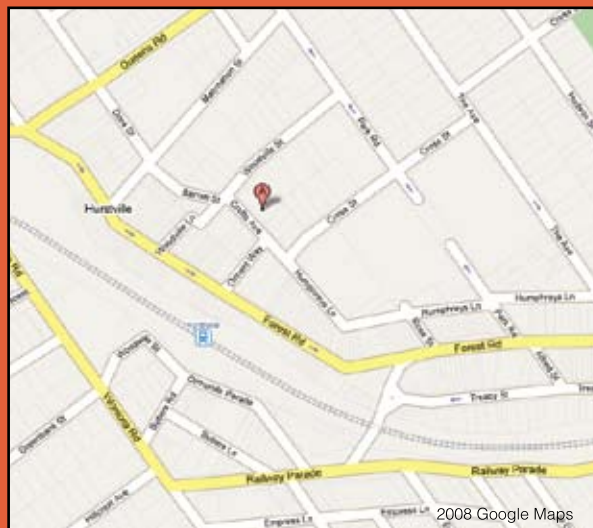


“Petrol & grocery prices are going up but with SGCH Affordable Housing my rent is affordable”

How do I appeal?

If you are not happy with the decision made on your application and you want to appeal, you can write to SGCH or fill in an Appeal Form.

Office Location



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ST GEORGE COMMUNITY HOUSING

Affordable Rental Housing Program



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

What is Affordable Housing Program?

SGCH manages Affordable Housing on behalf of the Centre for Affordable Housing, in conjunction with some Sydney Councils and also properties that have been purchased by SGCH specifically for Affordable housing.

Affordable Housing is for low and moderate earners who are employed full time, part time or casually.

Who is St. George Community Housing? (SGCH)

St. George Community Housing is a community-based not for profit housing provider. It is managed by a skill-based Board of Directors with a staff team responsible for housing management tasks.

How much rent will I pay?

Rent is generally set at a discount of 25% from the market rent for each individual property or up to 30% of household income.



"I thought I was never going to be able to afford my own place, not on my salary!"

Am I Eligible?

To be eligible for Affordable Housing:

- You must be a permanent resident or have Australian citizenship.
- You must have a connection with the area of Sydney that you are applying for housing in. This could be through work, education, family or long term residency.
- You must have derived at least part of your household income from regular paid employment over the preceding twelve months.
- You are a low-moderate income earner whose gross annual income falls in the following income bands.

Group I **Very Low Income**

Less than 50% of gross median annual income for Sydney Metro area

Group II **Low Income**

Between 50% to 80% of gross median annual income for Sydney Metro area

Group III **Moderate**

Between 80% to 120% of gross median annual income for Sydney Metro area

Gross median incomes can be viewed at www.housing.nsw.gov.au

- Some Affordable Housing Programs have specific eligibility criteria. You will be advised of any additional criteria on enquiry.

"I work long hours. I need secure housing, close to work"



What types of accommodation are available offered under the Affordable Housing Program?

One and two bedroom apartments and town houses.

How long can I rent the property?

Generally, the initial lease term will be 12 months. After 12 months, a new lease may be offered. Extensions are available for between three and five years.

Do I need to pay a bond?

Four weeks bond is payable at lease commencement. SGCH can arrange bond payment by installments.

What are my rights?

Your rights and responsibilities are covered by the *Residential Tenancies Act 1987*.

"When my partner and I split up, it meant finding alternative accommodation, SGCH made it so easy and affordable."

