

OUR SOCIAL HOUSING

Our social housing offers comfortable units for people who want to live independently while staying connected to their community. Located across the Ruapehu District, these homes are close to shops, services, and community facilities, and all meet healthy homes standards.

They provide long-term, secure accommodation suited to retirees, kaumātua, and others with genuine need. Residents benefit from a community environment, essential amenities, and local management that ensures responsive maintenance and fair, transparent processes. This housing offers stability and peace of mind for those seeking a reliable place to call home.



HOW TO APPLY

- Complete the Social Housing Application Form (available online, or at Council offices or scan the QR code below).
- Under 65's must also provide:
 - Proof of age
 - Evidence of income or benefits
 - Proof of assets
 - Support letters from medical professionals
 - References (landlord and character)
- Submit your application to Ruapehu District Council.
- You will be contacted for an interview if a suitable unit becomes available.



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RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

Warm, secure, and affordable homes for retirees, kaumātua, and those with genuine housing needs.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Priority will be given to people 65 years of age or over who have a housing need.

2. Applicants under 65 will be considered if:

a) *They have written evidence of eligibility and are currently receiving a health and disability-related benefit or a special age benefit.*

b) *They have a demonstrably genuine housing need of a nature not covered in (a).*

c) *There is no waiting list, and they are eligible according to (a) and/or (b).*

d) *Their total assets including cash, investments, house and other property (but not including car and furniture) do not exceed \$50,000.*

3. The applicant must be able to live compatibly with their neighbours.

WHAT OUR UNITS INCLUDE

- **Bedsits:** Open-plan living and sleeping area with kitchen and bathroom amenities, and either a communal laundry or an in-unit washing machine space.
- **One-bedroom flats:** have a separate kitchen and bathroom. Communal or private laundry facilities depending on the unit.
- **Two-bedroom flats:** Kitchen and bathroom facilities, space for a washing machine, fenced yards, and some units include carports.
- **Studio Units:** Similar to a bedsit, with level-access showers and communal washing machines. Power and gas are included in the rent.

*Facilities may vary across locations



OUR HOUSING LOCATIONS

Council-owned housing is available in the following locations:

- **Taumarunui** – Complexes in 4 locations, some with communal laundries.
- **Ohakune** – community-focused complex, close to town.
- **Raetihi** – community focused complex, close to town and local doctors (*some units currently undergoing refurbishment*).

Each location offers safe, warm, and different levels of accessible living, close to essential services.

TENANCY INFORMATION

- Applicants are placed on a waiting list once their application form is received.
- If a unit becomes available, the Social Housing Manager will contact you to arrange an interview and reference checks.
- Two weeks' rent, plus two weeks bond in advance is required at the start of the tenancy.
- No dogs. Other pets may be considered by prior agreement.
- The flats are not suitable for tenants who have the primary care of children.