

Car Parking

Some on-site car parking is provided for tenants. Some complexes have garages or carports. There is a weekly charge for garages.

Building Maintenance

The flats are maintained by Council to a good standard.

Ground Maintenance

The grounds around the flats are maintained by Council contractors. Some flats are provided with a small garden for tenants to use. These gardens are barked if the tenant does not wish to maintain them.

Survey

In 2017 the majority of the tenants said their housing was in satisfactory condition and all of the residents were satisfied or very satisfied with the level of service they received. Almost all of the tenants felt they were safe in their flats. Other positive comments made by tenants were the location of the flats, the friendliness of neighbours and not having to maintain property or grounds.

Social Housing Complexes

Ohakune Moore Street Flats



Taumarunui Flats



Rochfort Flats, Taumarunui Street



Cherry Grove Court, Taumarunui Street



Rangimarie Flats, Taupo Road



Miriama Street Flats, Miriama Street

A Guide to Social Housing

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Overview

Social housing is suitable for people who are able to live independently. Some flats are suitable for people who have disabilities.

Council owns 26 flats and 21 bedsits in four complexes in Taumarunui, and eight flats in one complex in Ohakune.

Most flats have one bedroom and are suitable for a single person. Some flats have a slightly larger bedroom or two bedrooms, suitable for a couple.

Interested people will need to meet certain eligibility criteria.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1 Applicant must be aged 60 years or over.
- 2 Applicants below 60 years of age may be considered if they receive an invalid's benefit or a special age benefit and subject to local Work and Income approval.
- 3 The applicant is a handicapped person, where the local Medical Officer of Health supports the need.
- 4 Applicants below 60 years of age, being recommended as medically incapable of supporting a property, will be considered on their individual merits.
- 5 The applicant has a genuine housing need.
- 6 Supply exceeds demand (no waiting list).
- 7 The applicant is able to live compatibly with their neighbours.

Applying for Social Housing

Interested people who meet the eligibility criteria will need to fill out a Social Housing Application Form, available from your nearest Council office or which can be downloaded from Council's website at www.ruapehudc.govt.nz.

The applicant's name will be placed on a waiting list for the complex applied for until such a time a space becomes available. In some cases, applicants can be housed immediately. When a space becomes available the applicant will undergo an interview and will be asked to provide character references, etc.

All information supplied in the application form is treated in strict confidence.

Bond

A bond must be paid before the tenancy agreement is signed and is the equivalent of two weeks rent.

Rent

Rent varies according to the size of the flat. Current rental costs are available on Council website at www.ruapehudc.govt.nz or by request to Council. Rental payments are usually made by direct debit from the tenant's bank account. Two weeks rent in advance is required on confirmation of the tenancy.

Furnishings

All flats are supplied with carpets and/or vinyl floor covering, drapes and nets at the main windows and a stove. Bedsits usually have a ringette in place of a stove.

Laundry Facilities

Two of the Taumarunui complexes have communal laundries. These contain washing machines and dryers which are owned and maintained by Council. The charge for these is included in the weekly rental.

Complex	Location	Bedsits	1 bedroom (single)	1 bedroom (double)	2 bedroom
TAUMARUNUI					
Cherry Grove Court	Taumarunui Street				8
Miriama Street Flats	Miriama Street			4	
Rochfort Flats	Taumarunui Street	21	4		
Rangimarie Flats	Taupo Road	10	6	4	
OHAKUNE					
Ohakune Flats	Moore Street			8	