

Appendix 1

Housing Allocation Policy Changes (Pre/Post New Policy)

Policy Amendment		Old Policy – Pre Nov 2020	Current Policy - Post Nov 2020
Category	Subject	Summary	Summary
Qualification	2 Year Residency	Only need a Manchester Address to apply to be on the rehousing register	2-year residency rule,
	Savings and Capital	Capital limit 75K	Savings limit from £75K to £30K
	Owner Occupation	Homeowners are eligible to join the register	Homeowners are unable to join the register
	Exceptions & exemptions	Applicants allowed on the list regardless of qualification criteria i.e Part VII applicants, armed forces, DV&A, med etc.	Same exceptions apply
Banding	Removal of Working Household / Community Contribution awards	People who work or contribute to the community are awarded additional priority (band 2)	Revised banding so that additional priority is not awarded for working household and community contribution (band 2). People in reasonable preference are placed in band dependant on need.
Need Groups	Overcrowding	Applicants who are overcrowded are split into 2 bands. Those that are 3 beds short are in band 1 and those that are 1 or 2 bedrooms short are in band 2 or 3.	Now differentiates between different degrees of overcrowding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcrowded by 3 or more bedrooms remain in band 1

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overcrowded by 2 bedrooms in band 2 • Overcrowded by 1 bedroom placed in new band 3 • Households with children overcrowded by 1 bedroom and living in 1 bedroom accommodation awarded band 2
	Lodgers	Lodgers not explicitly categorised.	<p>Lodgers who are applying to join the register as a separate household are categorised as:</p> <p>If lodging in another family's household and overcrowded by 1 bedroom band 2 will be awarded.</p>
	Under occupation	band 1 if releasing a family home and moving to a non-family home	Tenants under-occupying a family home of 3 or more bedrooms and are seeking to move to non-family type accommodation with fewer bedrooms and who will not be under occupying by more than one bedroom – Band 1.
	Domestic Violence & Abuse	DV&A in band 1-2-3	DV&A and refuge cases in band 1.
	Homelessness	All cases in band 3 unless working or contributing to the community then band 2	All, Relief duty (189B) (TA) Homelessness duty (193) applicants in band 2. (Proposal to include prevention duty into band 2, as per this report).
Additional Policy Changes	Moving Group	No rules around who can be on a household's application to move, this means that larger households can be formed, with little chance to move due to the lack of larger properties.	New rules around moving group categories, introduced.

