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# The Common Housing Register



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KENSINGTON  
AND CHELSEA

## What is it?

The Common Housing Register (CHR) is a list of people applying for social housing, which includes housing run by the Council and housing associations. If you would like to be re-housed to social housing in Kensington and Chelsea you need to apply to join the CHR.

## How to apply

To apply to the CHR you need to complete a CHR application form. You can download a form from the Council's website [www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk) or call Housingline and ask for a form to be posted to you.

When you apply, we will tell you whether you are eligible for any type of social housing. If you are eligible, you will be allocated a number of points to decide your level of priority. The greater your housing need, the more points you are given and the greater your chance of being re-housed.

## What are my chances of being re-housed through the CHR?

Between April 2009 and April 2010, there were over 6,700 applicants for social housing in the borough and only 556 properties to let.

Unless you have a significant need to be re-housed, it is almost certain that you will never be offered social housing.

There are many tenants in Kensington and Chelsea who for a number of different reasons, wish to move. However, each year,

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whilst demand for properties goes up, the number of vacancies that become available, gets smaller.

Of the 556 lettings last year, 320 of these properties were studios and one bedroom homes. Therefore, the larger the property you need, the longer you will have to wait for social housing as fewer larger, family-sized properties become available each year. Even high priority applicants are likely to wait for five years or more to be housed and possibly longer for three bedroom and larger properties.

The Council's Allocations Scheme explains who is given priority for re-housing through the CHR. The Allocations Scheme can be found on the Council's website [www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk).

You may wish to consider other options for your housing. The Housing Opportunities Team can offer advice on schemes available to you. For further information about housing options, please call **020 7361 3008**.

## This table gives you details of the lettings across all bedroom groups:

Property size	Number available 2009-10
Studio properties <i>(including sheltered housing)</i>	151
One bedroom	169
Two bedrooms	157
Three bedrooms	67
Four bedrooms	11
Five bedrooms	1

# How to find out more

## In person:

Customer Service Centre  
The Town Hall  
Hornton Street  
London W8 7NX

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm

## By phone:

Housingline 020 7361 3008

## By email:

HousingRegister@rbkc.gov.uk

## Website:

[www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk)

Information from this document can be made available in alternative formats and in different languages. Please contact Housingline on **020 7361 3008** or email **[housing@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:housing@rbkc.gov.uk)**