

Income and Asset Eligibility Assessment

The Department of Housing and Works in Western Australia sets the rules that Community Housing Providers must use to assess eligibility for housing, including income and assets. This information sheet explains the key income and asset criteria to help you understand how eligibility is determined within CHL.

CHL provides two types of housing assistance in Western Australia. Eligibility is based on household income, assets and housing need set by the Department of Housing and Works:

- **Band A – Social Housing** is subsidised, rental housing for very low to low-income households.
- **Band B – Affordable Rental Housing** provides discounted or below-market rental housing for low to moderate income households.

Income Eligibility

The assessment of income is based on the evidence supplied by the customer and CHL must be satisfied that the information provided is a true reflection of household income.

Band A Social Housing Income Eligibility

To be eligible for social housing, the combined weekly gross assessable income of the Applicant/ co-Applicant, Tenant/ co-Tenant and partner must be within social housing income eligibility limits listed below:

Table 1: Social Housing Income Eligibility Limits (March 2026) – taken directly from the [Community Housing Eligibility Policy \(CHEP\)](#)

Metro/South-West								
Number of people in household	Income Limit				Disability Income Limit			
	Single Income		Dual Income		Single Income		Dual Income	
	Weekly	Annual	Weekly	Annual	Weekly	Annual	Weekly	Annual
1	\$551	\$28,744			\$689	\$35,943		
2	\$701	\$36,569	\$830	\$43,298	\$877	\$45,750	\$1,038	\$54,149
3	\$816	\$42,568	\$950	\$49,558	\$1,020	\$53,210	\$1,188	\$61,974
4	\$936	\$48,828	\$1,090	\$56,862	\$1,170	\$61,035	\$1,363	\$71,103
North-West / Remote								
Number of people in household	Income Limit				Disability Income Limit			
	Single Income		Dual Income		Single Income		Dual Income	
	Weekly	Annual	Weekly	Annual	Weekly	Annual	Weekly	Annual
1	\$772	\$40,273			\$965	\$50,341		
2	\$982	\$51,228	\$1,162	\$60,618	\$1,227	\$64,009	\$1,453	\$75,798
3	\$1,143	\$59,627	\$1,330	\$69,382	\$1,428	\$74,494	\$1,663	\$86,753
4	\$1,311	\$68,391	\$1,526	\$79,606	\$1,638	\$85,449	\$1,908	\$99,534
Additional limits per person								
Additional household member	Income Limit				Disability Income Limit			
	Weekly		Annual		Weekly		Annual	
	\$115		\$6,000		\$145		\$7,565	

Band B Affordable Rental Housing Income Eligibility

To be eligible for Affordable Rental Housing, the combined annual gross assessable income of the household must be within Affordable Rental Housing income eligibility limits listed below:

Table 2: Affordable Rental Housing Income Eligibility Limits (March 2026) – taken directly from the [Community Housing Eligibility Policy \(CHEP\)](#)

Metro/South-West				
Household type	Income Limit		Disability Income Limit	
	Weekly	Annual	Weekly	Annual
Single person	\$1,204	\$62,794	\$1,505	\$76,653
Two adults / couple	\$1,664	\$86,818	\$2,080	\$108,523
Sole parent / 1 child	\$1,665	\$86,878	\$2,082	\$108,598
Sole parent / 2 children	\$2,065	\$107,710	\$2,581	\$134,638
Couple / 1 child	\$2,064	\$107,650	\$2,579	\$134,563
Couple / 2 children	\$2,463	\$128,482	\$3,079	\$160,603
North-West / Remote				
Household type	Income Limit		Disability Income Limit	
	Weekly	Annual	Weekly	Annual
Single person	\$1,505	\$78,493	\$1,881	\$98,117
Two adults / couple	\$2,080	\$108,523	\$2,600	\$135,748
Sole parent / 1 child	\$2,082	\$108,598	\$2,602	\$135,748
Sole parent / 2 children	\$2,581	\$134,638	\$3,226	\$168,298
Couple / 1 child	\$2,579	\$134,563	\$3,224	\$168,204
Couple / 2 children	\$3,079	\$160,603	\$3,848	\$200,754
Additional limits per person - Metro/South-West				
Additional household member	Income Limit		Disability Income Limit	
	Weekly	Annual	Weekly	Annual
Each additional adult	\$461	\$24,024	\$576	\$30,030
Each additional child	\$399	\$20,832	\$499	\$26,040
Additional limits per person - North-West / Remote				
Additional household member	Income Limit		Disability Income Limit	
	Weekly	Annual	Weekly	Annual
Each additional adult	\$576	\$30,030	\$720	\$37,538
Each additional child	\$499	\$26,040	\$624	\$32,550

Asset Eligibility

Assets referenced in this information sheet refers to ‘cash assets’.

- Tenant/ co-Tenant, Applicant/ co-Applicant or partner cash asset limits are set out in Tables 3 and 4.
- Tenant/ co-Tenant, Applicant/ co-Applicant or partner must not own, or be part owner of property or land which may be deemed as a viable housing option.
- Assets are not assessed for householders unless they form part of the Application or Tenancy.

Social Housing Asset Eligibility

Table 3: Band A Social Housing Asset Eligibility Limits – taken directly from the [Community Housing Eligibility Policy \(CHEP\)](#)

Household Type	Cash Asset Limit
Single	\$38,400.00
Couples	\$63,800.00
Seniors 60+ (Single or Couples)	\$80,000.00
People with Disabilities	\$100,000.00

Affordable Rental Housing Asset Eligibility

Table 4: Affordable Rental Housing Asset Eligibility Limits – taken directly from the [Community Housing Eligibility Policy \(CHEP\)](#)

Household Type	Cash Asset Limit
Single	\$332,000.00
Partnered (Combined)	\$412,500.00
Couple but separated due to illness	\$412,500.00

Appealing decisions or actions

If you disagree with a decision CHL has made, you can speak with your Housing Officer about your concerns. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, you can request a formal review of the decision. For more information, please refer to the *Feedback, Complaints and Appeals Policy* or you can contact us on the details below.

Any Questions

If you have any questions about the information in this Information Sheet or on any other housing related matters, please contact your local CHL Office, call us on 1300 245 468 or visit our website www.chl.org.au.