

## Public Sector Housing: Criteria for allocation of properties: pointing system

Approved by the Council of Ministers January 2002 – Maximum of 10 points for days on list removed April 2003. Points for gross income amended March 05.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Points</b>
1. <b>Days on List</b>	1 point per each 3 month period
2. <b>Island born</b>	5 points
3. <b>Years of Residency on Island</b>	1 point for every year in excess of ten years to maximum of 10 points
4. <b>Years of Residency in housing authority area</b>	1 point for each year in excess of five years to maximum of 10 points
5. <b>Joint applicants</b>	5 points
<b>Single applicant</b>	0 points
6. <b>Size of family</b> (under 18 yrs or in full time education)	1 child - 5 points 2 children - 10 points 3 or more - 15 points
7. <b>Gross Income</b> (including combined income of joint applicants)	£22,000 & above per annum 0 points £19,000 -£21,999 " " 1 point £16,000 -£18,999 " " 2 points £13,000 -£15,999 " " 3 points £10,000 -£12,999 " " 4 points £ 9,999 and under " " 5 points
8. <b>Adequacy of present accommodation</b> (maximum allocation is 10 points health/welfare and 10 points unfit housing <u>or</u> overcrowding)	Unfit housing (certified by EHO) 10 points  Unfit for health/ welfare consideration (validated by report from health professional & multidisciplinary assessment) 3, 6, or 10 points  Overcrowding (certified by EHO) 10 points
9. <b>Notice to quit</b> (excluding rent arrears)	Landlord/Advocate 5 points Court Order 10 points

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| <b>10. Emergency Housing</b>  | (1) Damaged Property, certified by fire services, insurance assessor               | 20 points         |
|   | (2) Closure Notice, property condemned by Environmental Health                     | 20 points         |
|   | (3) Social reasons (e.g. Victim Support / Witness Protection, supported by Police) | 20 points         |
| <b>11. Prior unjustified refusal</b> by applicant of a housing unit where an offer of a property considered suitable for the applicant was refused without valid reason (such as proximity to work, proximity to schools or where the property offered was considered to be uninhabitable). | Discretionary deduction minus  | - 10 points       |
| <b>12. Accumulated rent arrears</b>   |  | minus - 10 points |

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**Appeals Procedure:** Any applicant having an application for acceptance on to a waiting list rejected, or

Any applicant dissatisfied by reason of non allocation of a property by virtue of non allocation of points, may

1. Seek a review of that decision by submitting a request in writing to the appropriate housing authority, and
2. if the decision is upheld by that housing authority, seek an appeal against that decision in writing to the Department's Estates and Housing Directorate, whose decision shall be final.
3. In the case of houses owned by the Department, the review or appeal shall be to a Minister or Member of the Legislature outside the Department as appointed by the Council of Ministers.