



## Community Services Department

### Applying for a Tasman District Council Cottage

This information sheet should help answer your questions about Council rental housing. It should also help you understand the system of allocation and how it affects your application.

#### General Information

The Tasman District Council has approximately 100 cottages available to rent:

Richmond	.. .. .	30
Wakefield	.. .. .	07
Motueka	.. .. .	45
Murchison	.. .. .	04
Golden Bay	.. .. .	04
Brightwater	.. .. .	07

There is a strong demand for these cottages and so, of course, a long waiting list. Priority is given to those people from the Tasman District area whose present housing situation is unsatisfactory.

#### Eligibility

You qualify for a pensioner cottage if:

You are a New Zealand resident;

AND

You are 65 years of age or over and are receiving National Superannuation

OR

You are in receipt of an invalid's benefit or special age benefit (subject to confirmation from the Ministry of Social Development);

OR

You are disabled – and a Doctor supports the need

AND

Your total assets, including cash, investments, house and other property (but not including car and furniture) do not exceed \$50,000.

## **Housing Allocation**

Your chance of getting a rental cottage depends upon your need for it. Your situation is compared with the other applications and your need assessed on this. If you are already in a suitable home or can afford one of your own, the Council cottages will be allocated to those more in need.

## **Your Prospects of Being Offered a Tenancy**

Your application will be considered and prioritised. Your prospects are affected by:

- 1 The availability of cottages for rent.
- 2 Your priority in relation to other applicants.

## **General Inquiries**

If more detailed information is required on any of the above statements, or help needed in filling out your application form, contact should be made with the Community Services Department of the Tasman District Council, telephone 03 543 8468.

It must be emphasised that your application can only be considered if you have filled out the application form in full.

**Please let us know if your circumstances change so that we can update our records.**

Return applications to:

Community Services Department  
Tasman District Council  
Private Bag 4  
Richmond 7050

# Application for Pensioner Cottage

(To be filled in with full details)

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**Full Name:**

Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss

\_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

**If married please state name  
of spouse:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Present address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact telephone number:**

**Details of present home:**

House / Flat / Rooms / Boarding

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Are you sharing facilities  
with other occupiers:**

Yes / No

If yes, please state details:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If you rent your home are you  
a boarder?**

Yes / No

Landlord's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly payments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you own a pet?**

Yes / No

If yes, please specify, e.g. cat:

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**Have you or your spouse owned or part-owned a property in the last five years?**

Yes / No

If yes, please give details:

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Approximate value: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**How long have you lived at your present address?**

\_\_\_\_\_ years

**Please state your preference for the area in which you would like a cottage:**

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*(Richmond/Motueka/Golden Bay/Murchison/  
Wakefield/Brightwater)*

**If you own your own home:**

Approximate value: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount on mortgage: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly payments to cover mortgage, rates, insurance, repairs etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you sublet part of your home? Yes / No

If so, what is the weekly income from rent? \_\_\_\_\_



**Do you own sufficient furniture for a flat?**

Yes / No

**Have you applied for housing to other councils?**

Yes / No

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**If you live outside the Nelson region, do you have close relatives living in the area?**

Yes / No

If yes, please specify name, address and telephone number:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**References**  
**(Names and addresses of two persons who can be referred to for character references)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Information:**

Please give any further details of your circumstances which you consider have a bearing on your application, including why your present home is unsuitable.

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# Statutory Declaration

(To be completed by both applicants)

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**I / we (full names):**

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**of (full address):**

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**Nature of occupation:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

do solemnly and sincerely declare that all statements made and all particulars contained in the foregoing application are, to the best of my/our knowledge information and belief, true full and correct in each and every particular, and I/we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

**Signature of Declarant**

\_\_\_\_\_

Declared at: \_\_\_\_\_

This \_\_\_\_\_ of

\_\_\_\_\_

Before me: \_\_\_\_\_

A Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand, a Justice of the Peace or any other person duly authorised to take statutory declarations.

**Signature of Declarant**

\_\_\_\_\_

Declared at: \_\_\_\_\_

This \_\_\_\_\_ of

\_\_\_\_\_

Before me: \_\_\_\_\_

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