

# Adelaide Benevolent Society Housing Eligibility Policy

## Eligibility

Applicants must be financially disadvantaged and experiencing or at risk of housing stress or homelessness. We retain housing applications for up to 6 months with the applicant's express consent and in accepting an application, the Adelaide Benevolent Society (ABS) provides no guarantee of accommodation.

To be eligible to apply for ABS housing you should meet the following criteria:

- Be receiving a low income from employment or income support. See income and asset limits below.
- Be at least 18 years old (preferable).
- Not own any assets or property which could reasonably be expected to resolve your housing need.
- Be able to sustain a tenancy. If supports are needed, be able to co-ordinate these independently.
- Have less than \$5,000 in cash assets (preferable).

To ensure we continue to meet our charitable objects, income and asset evidence may be requested from tenants from time to time during the course of a tenancy, including in relation to assets believed to have been disposed of. If a tenant has assets or income that exceeds our limits, they should declare this and their need for ongoing accommodation with ABS may be reviewed. This does not apply to tenants working towards transitioning into homeownership.

## What ABS Can Offer

Housing can be provided on a long term or short-term basis. For example, someone on a low income waiting to receive i.e., a divorce settlement (including property settlement) can be housed on a short/medium-term basis until the settlement is finalised. We currently meet water charges associated with our properties. The Adelaide Benevolent Society does not offer emergency accommodation. Property details, including locations are available on our website: [www.adelaide.org.au/we-provide/housing](http://www.adelaide.org.au/we-provide/housing)

## Income and asset limits

Proof of income must be provided with each application. Our income limits are listed below and are a guide based on the National Rental Affordability Scheme limits. Your application must declare your assets including, but not limited to cash, investments, overseas investments, shares, personal effects, car, caravan. Total asset value (car etc) should preferably not exceed \$80,000. Proof of an asset's value may be requested.

Household Composition*	Income Guidelines**
One Adult	\$70,000
Two Adults	\$90,000
Sole Parent with One Child	\$90,000
Sole Parent with Two Children	\$115,000
Sole Parent with Three Children	\$135,000
Couple with One Child	\$115,000
Couple with Two Children	\$135,000
Couple with Three Children	\$155,000

\*If your household composition is not listed, please contact our office for guidance.

\*\* Income limits may be lower for properties subject to external funding arrangements.