

39003 Social Housing Waiting Lists

How many disabled people and how many children are waiting for social housing in this local authority?

As at 4 October 2022, there were 7,113 applications on the common housing register in Edinburgh (EdIndex) with children under 16 included as part of the household. As at the same date, there were 7,269 applications where the applicant had indicated a member of the household had a disability.

What is the longest period of time a disabled person has waited for social housing?

The longest waiting time a self-assessed disabled applicant has had on the common housing register for social housing is from 1 Mar 1963. This application is registered by a household who have a home and are therefore classed as a 'Mover' for bidding through the choice-based letting system.

It is important to be clear that under a Choice-based letting system, as operated by the City of Edinburgh Council and the majority of Housing Associations in Edinburgh, the time taken to be housed depends on applicants actively bidding for available homes, the areas/property types they are prepared to consider and the homes that become available that meet a household's needs. People can therefore be on the register but not be actively seeking housing or looking for a move.

It is important to note the following which determines how applications are categorised and the dates that are used to calculate the waiting times on the register:

When an applicant is registered with EdIndex they are classified as either a 'Starter' or a 'Mover', based on their current housing circumstances.

Starters

Starters are generally people who do not have their own home:

- Homeless households.
- People in a hostel, supported or temporary accommodation.
- People staying care of friends and family.
- New households.
- Private rented sector tenants.

Movers

Movers are people who do have a home but who wish to move:

- Council tenants (including joint tenants).
- Registered Social Landlords or other social rented sector tenants.
- Owner occupiers.
- Households in tied accommodation.

Waiting time for a 'Starter' is calculated from the date the housing application form is registered. For example, a 'Starter' who is registered with EdIndex for one year will have 365 waiting days and a further day is added for every day they are registered. 'Starters' will have one waiting day when they first register with EdIndex.

Waiting time for 'Movers' is calculated from the date they move into their current home. For example, a 'Mover' who has been in their home for one year will have 365 waiting days when they first register with EdIndex and a further day is added for every day they are registered.

What is the longest time a child has waited for social housing?

Based on lets this financial year to date, the longest an applicant with children has waited is since 7 December 2009. This applicant was also a 'Mover' applicant and therefore has a home.