



MOVING TO ANOTHER PROPERTY SECTION 8/01

MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR TENANTS

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TRANSFERS

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Our transfer system works on a 'Date of Entry' basis. This means that you climb the waiting list according to the time you have been waiting for a move. Unfortunately housing is in such short supply that waiting lists are lengthy and you are likely to have a long wait before being offered a transfer.

There is also a 'Management Transfer' list which is for emergency and urgent moves. What qualifies for this status is explained separately below.

If you want to apply to transfer to another IDS property you can obtain an information pack in any of the following ways:

- From your Estate Office
- From Head Office
- Call 020 8800 9606 ask for the Allocations Office and request a Transfer Application Pack
- Download a pack from the website at www.ids.org.uk

MANAGEMENT TRANSFERS

- Details of what circumstances can be considered for Management Status for transfer are included in Transfer Application Packs.

There are times when we need to move someone quickly and for this we keep a 'Management Transfer' list.

Many tenants applying for transfer feel that their circumstances should be treated as urgent, or an emergency. The criteria for awarding management status are strict and few applications are successful. This is because the housing shortage is so bad, not because we are dismissive of the difficulty of your circumstances.

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MOVES WITHIN THE SOCIAL HOUSING SECTOR

- There are currently no schemes in operation to assist tenants in moving to another landlord. However, there are still options open to tenants looking to move to other areas or landlords
- **Local Authority Housing Register**
Procedures vary in local authorities but it is always worth joining the local authority housing register. There are circumstances where a local authority can prioritise your application and be able to assist you more appropriately than we can.
- **If you want to move to an area of the country** where there is less demand on social housing there are opportunities available. The Allocations Office on 020 8800 9606 will be able to give you more information on this. You need to bear in mind that this option is not available for London and the South East of England.
- **Seaside & Country Homes** is a scheme designed to help persons over the age of 60, move to more rural parts of the country. The properties tend to be rural and you need to be quite mobile as public transport and services are not always 'on your doorstep'. The main applicant must be over 60 years of age and you need your landlord to sponsor your application. You can obtain more information from the Allocations Office on 020 8800 9606
- **Some local authorities operate incentive schemes** for households that are either overcrowded or under occupying their homes. The Allocations Office will have information on whether a scheme operates in your borough and, if so, how you can contact them.
- **In an emergency** we can request assistance from the local authority for an urgent move. This option is only available where there is a serious risk to the tenant remaining.

MUTUAL EXCHANGE

- To find out more, ask your Estate Manager for a copy of the Mutual Exchange leaflet, or go to the website
- Providing a few simple criteria are met tenants in Social Housing have the right to exchange their property with other social housing tenants. With long waiting lists for transfer a Mutual Exchange can offer tenants the chance to speed up a move to a more appropriate property. To find out more about Mutual Exchange and how to go about looking for a suitable partner ask your Estate Manager for a copy of the Mutual Exchange leaflet, or you can find the information on the website.

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OWNER OCCUPATION

→ www.homebuy.co.uk
is a good place to
start looking

There are lots of incentive schemes currently available to help you onto the property ladder. Most of these come under the umbrella title of HOMEBUY but there are many variations ranging from shared ownership (part buy, part rent): shared equity (a portion of the capital is provided by the scheme, so you only need to raise 75% of the property cost); Open Market Homebuy (you buy a property from the open market and receive help towards the whole cost)

The Allocations Office can give you contact details for these schemes but the best way to access all that's on offer is via the internet. www.homebuy.co.uk is a good place to start looking.
