

## FACT SHEET FOR SOCIAL HOUSING (BAND A)

### 6.1. Social Housing (Band A) Income Eligibility Limits

To be eligible for Social Housing, the combined weekly gross income of the applicant, partner and co-applicant must be within Public Housing Income Limits listed in Table 2. The weekly income limits are converted to annual limits for convenience, using the multiplier 313/6, rounded to the nearest dollar.

Table 2: Band A Income Eligibility Limits <sup>[1]</sup>

| Metro / South West            |               |          |             |          |                         |          |             |          |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Number of people in household | Income Limit  |          |             |          | Disability Income Limit |          |             |          |
|                               | Single income |          | Dual income |          | Single income           |          | Dual income |          |
|                               | Weekly        | Annual   | Weekly      | Annual   | Weekly                  | Annual   | Weekly      | Annual   |
| 1                             | \$450         | \$23,475 |             |          | \$565                   | \$29,474 |             |          |
| 2                             | \$600         | \$31,300 | \$710       | \$37,038 | \$750                   | \$39,125 | \$880       | \$45,907 |
| 3                             | \$715         | \$37,299 | \$830       | \$43,298 | \$895                   | \$46,689 | \$1,050     | \$54,775 |
| 4                             | \$835         | \$43,559 | \$970       | \$50,602 | \$1,045                 | \$54,514 | \$1,210     | \$63,122 |
| North West / Remote           |               |          |             |          |                         |          |             |          |
| Number of people in household | Income Limit  |          |             |          | Disability Income Limit |          |             |          |
|                               | Single income |          | Dual income |          | Single income           |          | Dual income |          |
|                               | Weekly        | Annual   | Weekly      | Annual   | Weekly                  | Annual   | Weekly      | Annual   |
| 1                             | \$640         | \$33,387 |             |          | \$795                   | \$41,473 |             |          |
| 2                             | \$850         | \$44,342 | \$995       | \$51,906 | \$1,060                 | \$55,297 | \$1,250     | \$65,208 |
| 3                             | \$1,010       | \$52,688 | \$1,175     | \$61,296 | \$1,260                 | \$65,730 | \$1,470     | \$76,685 |
| 4                             | \$1,180       | \$61,557 | \$1,375     | \$71,729 | \$1,475                 | \$76,946 | \$1,720     | \$89,727 |
| Additional limits per person  |               |          |             |          |                         |          |             |          |
| Additional household member   | Income Limit  |          |             |          | Disability Income Limit |          |             |          |
|                               | Weekly        |          | Annual      |          | Weekly                  |          | Annual      |          |
|                               | \$115         |          | \$5,999     |          | \$145                   |          | \$7,564     |          |

### 7. Asset Eligibility Limits

- Households must not own or be part owner of property or land that constitutes a viable housing option. Clarification on this criterion can be found in the Rental Policy Manual; Eligibility Relating to Property Ownership and Other Residences.
- The asset eligibility limits to be applied by Registered and Unregistered Community Housing Organisations are listed below.

#### 7.1 Social Housing (Band A) Asset Eligibility Limits

- The Public Housing cash asset limits listed in Table 4 applies to Band A tenants.

Table 4: Band A Asset Eligibility Limits <sup>[1]</sup>

| Household Type                             | Cash Asset Limit |
|--|------------------|
| Single                                     | \$38,400         |
| Couples                                    | \$63,800         |
| Seniors 60 years plus (singles or couples) | \$80,000         |
| People with disabilities                   | \$100,000        |

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## Social housing assessable assets <sup>[1]</sup>

### Definition of a cash asset:

- Deposit in a bank, credit union, building society, savings/cheque account, cash, term deposit, shares;
- Managed investments such as loans, debentures, friendly society and insurance bonds, unlisted equity and property trusts.

### Assets *excluded* from assessment:

- Car,
- Antique furniture,
- Stamp collection,
- Life insurance policies.

### Superannuation:

Superannuation and annuities that are not accessible are not assessed, but any annual income/return/dividend received are assessed as part of the income assessment process.

- **Superannuation funds for applicants under the age of 55 years:**  
Superannuation funds that cannot be realised (e.g. superannuation roll-over fund) are not assessed as an asset.
- **Superannuation funds for applicants 55 years of age and over:**  
Where a lump sum superannuation payment is taken, it will be treated as a cash asset and any income derived will be assessed for eligibility and rent assessment purposes.

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