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The need for affordable housing

House prices in many areas of Wiltshire and Swindon mean that people on low or modest incomes face difficulties finding decent, secure, affordable accommodation.

Housing costs create barriers for certain groups, for example young people, who are forced to move away from the area to find a home. This upsets the balance of the communities and can damage local services and take-up. In some areas this can result in closure of schools, shops and pubs, and businesses may struggle to find local employees, as a result of housing being unaffordable to many from the area.

The housing register

Affordable housing can provide homes for people with modest incomes who can't afford accommodation on the open market. Affordable homes help to sustain communities by offering local people the chance to remain where they have strong connections for example in the town or village where they grew up, or where they work. Affordable housing can include low-cost accommodation for rent, or shared ownership homes, allocated on the basis of need. Households wishing to be considered for affordable housing need to apply to join their Local Authority's housing register. In Wiltshire the housing register is called Homes4Wiltshire and in Swindon the housing register is called Home Bid.

Eligibility criteria and joining the housing register

A housing applicant qualifies to join the housing register if they have less than £16,000 capital/savings and the household income is less than £80,000 per annum. There is also a requirement for the household to meet local connection criteria set by their Local Authority.

Overleaf is a summary of eligibility criteria for the Wiltshire and Swindon housing registers; Homes4Wiltshire and Swindon Home Bid.

To apply to join the Homes4Wiltshire register you will need to visit the following website to register www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk and to join the Swindon Home Bid register you will need to visit www.swindon.gov.uk/homebid.

You will need to fill out an application form online and you will also need to provide documentation to support your application such as ID, Proof of residency in Wiltshire or an employment contract/payslip if your local connection is via employment.

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In Wiltshire you are eligible if you are:	In Swindon you are eligible if you are:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Living in Wiltshire Council's area and has resided here for minimum last 2 years+, or• Employed in Wiltshire Council's area, or a job offer where contract for 12 months+, or• Self-employed in Wiltshire Council's area; or• Closely related to a person who is living in Wiltshire Council's area and has resided in the area for 5 years+. <p>There are also provisions for serving members and veterans of the Armed Forces, as well as their spouses/civil partners.</p> <p>Full details of qualifying criteria are available on the Homes4Wiltshire Website: www.homes4wiltshire.co.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 18 and have lived in the borough for the last two years. <p>You can also apply if any of the following apply to you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You have close relatives (parents, adult children, grandparents or siblings) who have lived here for two years or more;• You are employed in Swindon for more than 24 hours a week;• You are a member of the Armed Forces or have served in the last five years. <p>Full details of qualifying criteria are available on the Swindon Borough Council Website: www.swindon.gov.uk/homebid</p>

Qualifying criteria above correct at time of writing, January 2021



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