

Suspending Applications

Everyone has a right to have their application added to our housing list if they are 16 years or over. However, we can suspend your application from the list in certain circumstances. If we suspend your application, you will not be offered accommodation, even if you are in housing need.

We want to keep to a minimum the number of people we suspend from the housing list, but there are some circumstances where we do need to suspend people from the list. These circumstances are as follows:-

Reason for suspension	Period of Suspension	Reason for ending suspension
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you refuse two reasonable offers of housing. This will trigger a Housing Options review interview 	3 months from date of second refusal	Application automatically reinstated after 3 months or sooner if Housing Option interview completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you withhold information that you should have told us about: for example, if you had a tenancy in the three years before you applied to us for housing and you didn't tell us, that's withholding information that you should have told us about 	6 months from date discovered	Application automatically reinstated after 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you give us misleading information; if you tell us that you left your last home because the tenancy ended but the tenancy ended because your landlord had you evicted because you didn't pay your rent that's providing us with misleading information 	6 months from date discovered	Application automatically reinstated after 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you give us information that you know is wrong: if you tell us you never owned a property or you were never the tenant of a property when you were, this is providing information that you know is wrong 	6 months from date discovered	Application automatically reinstated after 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you do something that makes your housing situation worse such as leaving a property that didn't have all the bedrooms you need without having another property to go to 	6 months from date discovered or from date you left the accommodation	Application automatically reinstated after 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you are a tenant but you have breached your tenancy conditions and your landlord has given you notice of proceedings for recovery of possession or has a decree or order from a court for your eviction 	Duration of notice / order	Behaviour has to satisfactory for the length of notice / order
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You or someone that lives with you are the subject of an ASBO or have been within the last three years, or anti-social behaviour: the application will be suspended until the conduct or behaviour has changed. For example, if an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (or ASBO) has been made against you or someone that will live with you or your behaviour has been anti-social 	We will review your behaviour at the end of the six months.	Evidence that behaviour has improved

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you have lost a previous tenancy by abandoning it: for example you leave a property that you have rented without handing back the keys or notifying your landlord 	6 months from date discovered	Application automatically reinstated after 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you have outstanding rent arrears and there is no arrangement in place to repay what you owe 	Subject to you repaying the debt	Evidence that rent or service charge debt has reduced and you have made at least 3 monthly significant payments towards what you owe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you have previously been evicted by a court order: for example you were evicted for rent arrears or damage to the property or its contents, or anti-social behaviour 	6 months from date discovered	Application automatically reinstated after 6 months

You can appeal against our decision to suspend your application and also ask us to review our decision if your circumstances change. See Section 24 for further information on appeals and complaints.