

Policy Document

Applying for Residency at Ainslie Village Policy

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1 OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 This policy provides guidelines as to the eligibility of applicants for Ainslie Village.

2 BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

- 2.1 Ainslie Village is a caring, non-violent and tolerant community that employs principles to maintain harmony among residents and with those who support them.
- 2.2 Argyle Housing's Ainslie Village program promotes and respects the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all persons with a disability and provides a service to tenants in line with the principles of the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014, Disability ACT and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
- 2.3 Argyle Housing's Ainslie Village program is compliant with the ACT Human Rights Act.
- 2.4 Argyle Housing's Ainslie Village program supports and encourages a person-centered and culturally sensitive approach to service delivery.
- 2.5 Argyle Housing's Ainslie Village program promotes and respects the rights and freedoms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Refer Argyle Policy: Policy Definitions.

4. POLICY DETAILS

- 4.1 Ainslie Village has accommodation for up to 172 people, catering for single men and women, over 18 years of age.
- 4.2 The eligibility for housing at Ainslie Village is largely determined by the guidelines used by the ACT Government when offering housing assistance.
- 4.3 To be eligible for housing at Ainslie Village, the following criteria apply:
 - Applicants must have an income of not less than \$100 a week and no more than the gross income limit applicable for public housing
 - Applicants must not own assets, (car, home, boat, land, etc.), that exceed \$40,000
 - Applicants must demonstrate a housing need
 - Applicants must be capable of communal and independent living; (minimal support can



- be provided by an applicable service provider of your choice)
 - Applicants must be a permanent resident or Australian citizen; (exception can apply to asylum seekers that are approved by the Department of Immigration. Asylum seekers must have funded income so they can pay rent).
 - Applicants are not required to have lived in the ACT prior to applying at Ainslie Village.
 - Applicants must not own a residential property in Australia.
- 4.4 Applicants must participate in an interview prior to any application for housing being approved. Additional documentation such as identification may be required.
- 4.5 Applicants meeting the eligibility criteria may complete the Application process and will be placed on the Ainslie Village Waitlist until a vacant room becomes available. Applicants on this waitlist are required to maintain contact with Ainslie Village staff to keep their application current, and update Ainslie Village staff of any change in contact details or circumstances that may impact on their housing application. Failure to do so may result in their application being closed without an offer of housing.

5. RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- 5.1 Delegation of Authority Schedule
- 5.2 Housing Guidelines Income Barriers February 2013
- 5.3 Property-specific Complaints Policies, Procedures and Tools.
- 5.4 National Community Housing Standards Reference - 1.1 Allocation of housing

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