



## Bedroom Entitlements Policy

### Policy Intent

The purpose of this policy is to ensure all applicants are allocated a home that has adequate bedroom space for their household and at the same time, makes the best use of vacant properties. This approach is taken because public housing is a limited resource.

### Why does Housing Tasmania need a policy?

To ensure the bedroom entitlements of all applicants are determined in a consistent and fair manner and that there is transparency and accountability where a non-standard entitlement has been made.

### Who are our clients that this policy is relevant to?

This policy is relevant to all public housing applicants and public housing transfer applicants.

### What is a standard bedroom entitlement?

A standard bedroom entitlement refers to the bedroom entitlement that would generally apply to a public housing or transfer applicant. A standard bedroom entitlement would be determined taking into account:

- Number of children;
- Sex of children; and
- Other household members included on the application & their relationship to the applicant/tenant.

### What is a non-standard bedroom entitlement?

For most applicants a standard bedroom entitlement will apply. It may be necessary to apply discretion where individual needs and variations in the level of amenity and size of properties exist.

Where discretion is applied to allocate a non-standard bedroom entitlement, the rationale for this allocation will be clearly documented.

A non-standard bedroom entitlement refers to the bedroom allocation for applicants who require either smaller or larger accommodation than their **standard** bedroom entitlement. This may occur as a result of:

- Level of amenity and functionality of the property;
- A medical condition necessitating an extra room;
- An applicant indicating a willingness to accept less bedrooms than their standard bedroom entitlement; and/or
- An excess of a particular type of stock in a region requiring the local Service Centre to under occupy properties.

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