

HAVEN – AFFORDABLE HOUSING ASSOCIATION
Welcome to the AHA Eligibility Self-Assessment.

The following questions have been put together to assist you to assess whether you will be eligible to apply for Affordable Housing. Please complete the assessment to determine if you have met the eligibility requirements.

Please note that this this form is not an application form – it will merely give you an indication of whether you may be eligible for Affordable Housing and if you should proceed to the next step – that of completing an Application.

- Are you (the primary applicant¹) a Permanent Resident of Australia
 Yes – Go to 2 No – Sorry you are not eligible for Affordable Housing
- Are you (the primary applicant) a resident of the area in which you are applying for housing
 OR do you have substantial links to the area²
 OR seeking to relocate to the area to take up employment, training or educational opportunities²
 Yes – Go to 3 No – Sorry you are not eligible for Affordable Housing
- Is your gross Household Income (from all sources including employment, Centrelink payments, investments, child support etc) as per the table below (the eligible Income Limit is current as at September 2009)

| Income limits | Household size ¹ | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 1 person (x1 Bedroom) | 2 persons (x2 Bedroom) | 3+ persons (x3 Bedroom) |
| Upper limit | \$38,737 | \$59,286 | \$81,534 |
| 30% net rent limit ² | \$26,720 | \$41,532 | \$58,600 |

1 Children of any age counted in household size

2 'Net rent' is rent charged minus Commonwealth Rent Assistance. 'Net rent' not to exceed 30% of total gross household income (also net of CRA) for households below this income limit.

Haven will match tenants with their rental preferences according to location and housing size in accordance with the Haven AHA Eligibility and Allocations Policy.

- Yes – Go to 4 No – Sorry you are not eligible for Affordable Housing
- Does your Household have a total of less than \$30000 in Realisable Assets? ['Realisable Assets' includes savings, investment, interests in companies, recreational vehicles such as boats or caravans.]
 For tenants requiring major or full disability modifications, the Realisable Asset limit is \$60000.
 Yes – Go to 5 No – Sorry you are not eligible for Affordable Housing
- Is your name on the title of any property or land?
 Yes – Sorry you are not eligible for Affordable Housing³ No – Go to 6

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE AHA ELIGIBILITY SELF-ASSESSMENT.

- You are now eligible to complete the Affordable Housing application form. If you would like to proceed, you can find this form at <http://www.haven.org.au/aha.pdf>, print it off, complete it and post it to

Haven – AHA Administration
P.O. Box 212
BENDIGO 3552

NB - You should attach this Eligibility Self-Assessment form to the front of your application form when you send it to us.

Notes:

¹ Primary Applicants are the one/s whose names will appear on the Tenancy Agreement

² You will need to provide evidence of this prior to any offer of housing is made

³ There are some exceptions to this – please contact us on 1300 100 AHA if you would like more information.

- Once applications are received, they are subjected to a desk-top audit and, if eligible, will be added to the **preferred tenants list** and size-matched to property requirements.
- We will send you an e-mail or a letter to confirm that we have processed your application. Your application is kept on our database for 12 months.
- Prior to an offer of housing being made the application will be formally reviewed for eligibility and confirmation of details.
- Allocations to properties are made in accordance with the Haven AHA *Eligibility and Allocations* policy AND only after full assessments have taken place.
- Successful applicants must be able to take up tenancy of the allocated property within 28 days of the offer being made.