

**Disability
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factsheet



Housing

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If people are not in a position to be able to buy their own property or rent privately another option is to apply to their District Council to be put on the accommodation register.

How to apply

To apply to go on the housing register, contact your local District Council's Housing Department and ask for a housing application pack in the format that you prefer (such as large print).

Telephone numbers for each District Council are at the bottom of this factsheet.

Help Completing the Application Form

If you would like help to complete the application form, you can:

- Contact your local Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB).**
- Ask your Community Care Worker or Social Worker.**
- You can ask if they have a person at the Council who can help, especially if you require a home visit.**
- Telephone the Disability Information Service (DIS) and we will try to find someone to help you. Our number is at the top of the page.**

Be sure to highlight any difficulties that you experience in your daily life as this will be taken into account when your application is considered.

The Assessment Process

When you have completed and returned the application form it will be assessed and you will be allocated a place on the waiting list, taking into account any disabilities you may have and your housing needs. The Council will want to know about your disabilities as they will need to be able to offer you accommodation that is entirely suitable for your needs. When a suitable property becomes available you will be contacted by the Council and given the opportunity to consider what has been offered. Housing Departments will also have access to Housing Associations and landlords who can provide support for independent living.

Other Useful Contacts:

If you feel that you need extra support to live independently, there are also organisations such as ‘Supporting People’ that may be able to help. Please contact DIS for further details.

Grants and Loans for Furnishing:

Information on the help available can be obtained from:

- Jobcentre Plus**
- CAB**

- **DIS**

Contact details of Housing Departments throughout Devon:

East Devon District Council	Tel. 01395 516551
North Devon District Council	Tel. 01271 325757
Exeter City Council	Tel. 01392 277888
Mid Devon District Council	Tel. 01884 255255
South Hams District Council	Tel. 01803 861234
Torrige District Council	Tel. 01237 428700
Teignbridge District Council	Tel. 01626 361101
West Devon Borough Council	Tel. 01822 813600

(This information was correct at the time of publishing but if it should become out of date please refer to the Devon Community Directory www.devonline.gov.uk/community for the current details).

For further information please contact the Disability Information Service on the number below.

Further factsheets can be found online at

www.devon.gov.uk/factsheets

If you would like this factsheet in a different format such as Braille or tape, or in a different language, please contact our Customer Service Centre on: 0845 155 1015 or email: customer@devon.gov.uk

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