

## Leicester City Requirement

Applicants to the Housing Register must meet the Leicester City Requirement (local connection) by satisfying at least one of the following criteria:

- Applicants living within the city of Leicester must be able to produce documentary evidence that they have used a residential address within the City as their settled home for the 12 consecutive months immediately prior to their housing application \*.
- Applicants that have previously lived in settled accommodation in Leicester City for 2 consecutive years or more out of the last 5 years \*.
- Applicants employed within the city of Leicester who have a contract or a firm offer of employment within the city for a minimum of 12 months.
- People who are aged over 18 and approved as a homeless person under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996.
- Asylum seekers who have been dispersed to the City by the National Asylum Support service (NASS) and whose status changes to that of refugee, or who are awarded exceptional or indefinite leave to remain whilst living in the city.
- Persons who have previously served in the armed forces and they make an application for housing within 5 years of their discharge.
- Prisoners released from prison who meet one of the above criteria prior to them entering service or prison.
- Applicants currently living in unsettled accommodation (e.g. a hostel) within Leicester City who can demonstrate they had previously lived in permanent/settled accommodation in Leicester City for 2 consecutive years or more out of the last 5 years from the last date of their last settled accommodation.

\* Hostels, Nightshelters, 'Care of Addresses' & No Fixed Abode do not meet the requirement, as they are not classified as settled accommodation.