



## Shetland Islands Council

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## The Housing Application Process



### Shetland's Common Housing Register

Shetland Islands Council (SIC) and Hjaltland Housing Association (HHA) are Shetland's two social rented housing providers. When you apply for housing, you will complete only one shared application form. This form then goes to both landlords for consideration. If you wish to be considered for housing by only one of these Landlords you can choose to opt out by indicating on the form.

Once your application has been accepted by the landlord/s, it will be processed in accordance with SIC and Hjaltland's Allocation policies, and placed on both landlords' Housing Registers (waiting lists).

You can pick up a Housing Application Pack at SIC and Hjaltland's offices at the addresses below. Alternatively, the pack is available for downloading from the internet at [www.shetland.gov.uk/housing](http://www.shetland.gov.uk/housing) or [www.hjaltland.org.uk/](http://www.hjaltland.org.uk/).

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## Questions and Answers

- Q Will my personal information be shared between SIC and Hjalmland?
- A Yes, unless you opt out of being housed by **BOTH SIC AND HJALTLAND**, the application form that you complete will be copied between SIC and Hjalmland. This will also be the case if you complete a Child Contact form in support of your application. If you apply for a Medical Assessment, NHS Shetland will send Medical Assessment outcome points details to both SIC and Hjalmland. SIC and Hjalmland will however not see your completed Medical Assessment Form, as **YOU** will send this to the Director of Public Health. Information on a **SOCIAL NEEDS** form will not be passed to Hjalmland, as it is for SIC use only. If your circumstances change in any way which may affect your application, and you notify either landlord, this information will also be shared between SIC and Hjalmland.
- No, if you choose to be housed by **ONLY BY ONE LANDLORD**, your personal details will remain with that landlord and your application will not be copied to the other landlord, and neither would the associated forms mentioned above.*
- Q Where do I return my Application Form to?
- A You can return your housing application form to either SIC or Hjalmland's offices at the addresses on the front of this leaflet.
- Q What information will I receive back?
- A Both SIC and Hjalmland will acknowledge your application if you have chosen to be housed by both landlords. Please note that SIC and Hjalmland have different Allocation policies, therefore the points advice that you receive from each organisation will differ. This will be the same for any Medical Assessment that is completed.

## Benefits of a Common Housing Register

# One application form Two housing providers

Why have a Common Housing Register for SIC and Hjalmland?

- **It creates a simpler, fairer and less time consuming way for people to apply for housing.**
- **a wider choice of landlords and property types for applicants.**
- **a larger pool of applicants that will assist in the allocation process. For existing tenants looking to move house, it will help promote mobility between SIC and Hjalmland.**