



Údarás Áitiúla Éireann
Local Authorities Ireland

Accessing the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme



The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme is a form of social housing support provided by all local authorities.

How does HAP work?

Under the HAP scheme, tenants find their own accommodation in the private rented market and local authorities provide housing assistance by making a monthly payment to a landlord on the tenant's behalf, subject to terms and conditions including rent limits.

The HAP tenant pays a weekly contribution towards the rent to the local authority. This 'rent contribution' is based on the household income. It is calculated in the same way as the rent paid by a tenant of a local authority owned property.

Your Council

working for **you**



Who is eligible for HAP?

To be eligible for HAP, you must first be approved for social housing support by your local authority. Once you are qualified for social housing support, you are eligible to apply for HAP.

If your household is already on your local authority's housing list, you will be eligible for HAP.

If you are on your local authority's housing list and currently in receipt of Rent Supplement, you will be eligible for HAP.

What accommodation is eligible?

Accommodation should be within the HAP rent limits. These limits are based on your household and the rental market in your area.

Your local authority will let you know what the rent limits are.

Your tenancy agreement will be, between you and your landlord. The local authority is not your landlord. Your landlord is the person you make the rental agreement with and who the local authority pays the HAP payment to.

For more information on HAP, contact the Housing Section of your council.

#YourCouncil



Údarás Áitiúla Éireann
Local Authorities Ireland