

Northern Ireland Housing Trust Points Scheme

This file contains the points scheme used by the Northern Ireland Housing Trust to allocate its public sector houses from 1946 until the end of the 1960s. It was not subject to any significant criticism.

The scheme is included as an Appendix to the Northern Ireland Housing Trust's Annual Report for 1968.

A table comparing this housing points scheme with those used by the Londonderry Corporation and the Belfast Corporation during a similar period can be found at

http://analogical.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Schemes_Compared.pdf

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APPENDIX (Points System.)

Applications are graded by awarding points under the following headings:

- (a) *Overcrowding:* The points to be given are obtained by ascertaining the minimum standard of accommodation required by the applicant, and subtracting from this number of rooms the number of rooms actually occupied, then multiply by 2.
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| Minimum Standard: | 1 bedroom |
| Man and wife | 1 bedroom |
| Each 2 children under 10 years | 1 bedroom |
| Each 2 persons over 10 years of same sex | 1 living room |
| If total family of 6 or less | 2 living rooms |
- If total family of 7 or more
A living room means parlour, dining room or kitchen.
Bathrooms or sculleries or any room less than 64 square feet in area are not included in number of rooms.
Where a house is shared, the family is assumed to occupy half the common living room.
- (b) *Sharing:* 2 points
- (c) *Children:* For every child up to age 16 1 point
- (d) *Service in Armed Forces of the Crown during a War Emergency:*
The Armed Forces are the Army, the Navy, the R.A.F., the Merchant Navy, the A.T.S., the W.A.A.F., the W.R.N.S., and the Nursing Services.
Points are given for the service record of the applicant who must be the person to whom the house would normally be let. If the applicant was a dependent of a deceased person who served, points are given for the service record of the deceased.
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| For Service in 1939-1945 War or Korean War | 4 points |
| For Service in 1914-1918 War | 3 points |
- (Subject to a maximum of 4 points)
- (e) *Permanent Disablement due to war service* 1 point
Disablement means, in this connection, loss of a limb or an eye, 80 per cent disablement.
- (f) *Tuberculosis:*
For each person of applicant's family with confirmed active pulmonary T.B. living at home 2 points
- (g) *Person with Prolonged Disease or Impairment* 1 point
- (h) *Condition of the House:*
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| No W.C. | 1 point |
| W.C. common to 2 tenants or more | 1 point |
| Deficient ventilation or lighting | 1 point |
| Excessive dampness | 1 point |
| No water supply inside the house | 1 point |