

## Social housing and certificate of eligibility for social housing

### What is social housing?

Social housing is housing that is subsidised by the state. That is why the rent for social housing is cheaper than that for other types of housing. The supply of social housing is low in the district of Munich, but the demand is high. It can take several years before you can move into social housing.

### Who is eligible for social housing?

You can apply for social housing if you meet these three criteria:


- You are allowed to stay in Germany permanently because you come from an EU country or have a settlement permit or a residence permit that is still valid for at least 1 year.
- Your main place of residence is in the district of Munich (not in the city of Munich).
- You have a low income.

### How can I access social housing?

There are two different systems for social housing in the district of Munich: the Wohnberechtigungsschein (certificate of eligibility) and the Vormerkung (entry onto the housing list).

### Social housing with a certificate of eligibility for social housing (WBS for short)


There are social housing properties that are only let to people in possession of a Wohnberechtigungsschein. For example, advertisements for such properties will state that they only accept applicants "with WBS".

 [Handbook Germany: Explanatory video for the Wohnberechtigungsschein](#) (available in 9 languages).

With a WBS, you can search the property market yourself to find a suitable home. The WBS is valid for the whole of Bavaria (except for the state capital Munich). A WBS does not guarantee that you will get social housing.

### How can I get a WBS?

You can apply for a housing entitlement certificate from your  [municipality of residence](#).


Information on the required documents, the application form to download and contact information can also be found on the page entitled  [Wohnberechtigungsschein beantragen \(Apply for WBS\)](#).

### You can apply for social housing by applying for a priority notice at the Landratsamt München (Munich District Office)

Lots of social housing properties are still allocated by the Munich District Office. You can register there as an interested party. The Landratsamt München (Munich District Office) then uses various criteria to check how urgently you need social housing. The criteria include, for example, your

income or if you are pregnant. When social housing becomes available, people who need it most will be sent a housing proposal.

## How do I register?

You can apply for a priority notice (Vormerkung) from your  [municipality of residence](#).

Information on the required documents, the downloadable application form and contact information can be found on the District's website  [Apply for a reservation for a publicly funded property](#).