

Social housing - Wohnberechtigungsschein

As in many cities and municipalities, there is also **social housing** in Mannheim. These are subsidised by the state and are only rented to people with a **certificate of eligibility for housing (WBS)**. If you have a chance of getting a social housing flat, you must apply for a housing entitlement certificate through the city.

With a certificate of eligibility for housing (Wohnberechtigungsschein, WBS) you have the possibility to rent a **publicly subsidised flat** (Sozialwohnung). The accommodation entitlement certificate is valid for 1 year and must be renewed thereafter.

The flat must not exceed a maximum size - depending on how many people live in your household:

- 1 person: 50 m²
- 2 persons: 65 m² or alternatively 2 living rooms
- Each additional person + 15 m² or alternatively + 1 room

You can find more information on the housing entitlement certificate on this [homepage of the City of Mannheim](#).