

Appendix I: A summary of Housing Need Priority Bands

Band 1	Exceptional Housing Need
1.1	Applicants assessed as having Exceptional circumstances, where there is an immediate risk to health and safety, complex needs, "place of safety" cases or other emergency needs
1.2	Council or other ORAH partner tenants under-occupying their home by two or more bedrooms seeking to downsize to a smaller property or move to a sheltered scheme
1.3	Council or other ORAH partner tenants requiring a Decant and other housing management moves
1.4	Successor tenants who need to move to a more suitable property
1.5	Housing applicants where a Prohibition/demolition notice has been issued by the Environmental Health department
1.6	Households where the level of overcrowding exceeds the statutory limit
Band 2	Urgent Housing Need
2.1	Housing applicants assessed as having "urgent social or welfare needs"
2.2	Housing applicants assessed as having "urgent health or disability needs"
2.3	Council or ORAH tenants under-occupying their home by one bedroom seeking to downsize to a smaller property or move to a sheltered scheme
2.4	Applicants who have been assessed as ready to move on from supported accommodation (quota arrangements are in place due to the lack of properties)
2.5	Overcrowded families assessed as being 2 or more bedrooms short of their housing needs
2.6	Any applicant with two or more compoundable categories in Band 3
Band 3	Significant Housing Need
3.1	Applicants found to be homeless, in a priority need group and a duty to offer housing has been accepted (not compoundable) and may be offered private rented accommodation by the Housing Options Team instead of social housing
3.2	Housing Applicants assessed as having "significant social or welfare needs"
3.3	Housing applicants assessed as having "significant health or disability needs"
3.4	Applicants assessed as living in sub-standard unsatisfactory housing: Category Level 1 Health Hazard (normally confirmed by Environmental Development)
3.5	Overcrowded families or households assessed as being one bedroom short of their housing needs
3.6	Insecure tied accommodation where the loss of the accommodation is through no fault of the housing applicant
3.7	Insecure private rented accommodation where the loss of the accommodation is through no fault of the housing applicant
3.8	Any applicant who qualifies for at least two compoundable categories in Band 4
Band 4	Moderate Housing Need
4.1	Housing applicants assessed as having "moderate social or welfare needs"
4.2	Housing applicants assessed as having "moderate health or disability needs"
4.3	Housing applicants who are homeless and not in a priority group, sofa surfers, no fixed abode or in supported "move on" accommodation (not compoundable)
4.4	Applicants assessed as living in sub-standard unsatisfactory housing: Category Level 2 Health Hazard (normally confirmed by Environmental Development)
Band 5	No or Low Housing Need
5.1	Applicants who are adequately housed or no immediate need for housing

(For full details see the Allocations Scheme available on the Council website: www.oxford.gov.uk).

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