



## Factsheet 21: LOCAL CONNECTION RULES

**You will be considered to have a local connection with Cambridge City Council for the purposes of joining the Home-Link housing register if you meet one of the following criteria:**

- a. You work within Cambridge City for sixteen hours or more per week; or
- b. You have lived within Cambridge City for at least 6 of the last 12 months, or 3 of the last 5 years; or
- c. You have family members who have lived within Cambridge City for a period of 5 years or longer and are currently resident within Cambridge City. Family members are defined as parents, sons and daughters or brothers or sisters. Other family associations will be considered on a case by case basis; or
- d. You are owed a main housing duty under homelessness legislation by Cambridge City Council; or
- e. You are serving in the regular forces or have served in the regular forces within five years of the date of your housing register application; or
- f. You have recently ceased, or will cease to be entitled to live in Ministry of Defence accommodation following the death of your spouse or civil partner where—
  - i. your spouse or civil partner has served in the regular forces; and
  - ii. their death was attributable (wholly or partly) to that service; or
- g. You are serving or have served in the reserve forces and are suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability which is attributable (wholly or partly) to that service; or
- h. You are a “relevant person” as defined by the Allocation of Housing (Qualification Criteria for Right to Move) (England) Regulations 2015; or
- i. You or a member of your household need to move away from another area to escape violence or harm; or
- j. You are a care leaver from Cambridge who has been placed by Cambridgeshire Children’s Services outside the district; or
- k. There are exceptional circumstances that Cambridge City Council considers give you a local connection.

Applicants who are in one of the reasonable preference groups, who do not meet any of these criteria above, may be eligible to join the register, although may qualify for a lower banding than applicants with a local connection. If you believe this applies to you, you should contact Cambridge City Council directly to discuss your circumstances.

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