

During the summer of 2019, Nottingham City Homes consulted with households on the housing register and others about proposed changes to Nottingham City Council's Housing Allocations Policy.

We are working on the changes we need to make to our IT systems to be able to fully implement the policy. Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus outbreak, some of this progress has been delayed. You can read below the IT changes that have been delayed and what this means.

We want to reassure you that none of these delays will have a negative impact on applicants applying to join the housing register or bidding for a suitable home. We will continue to provide advice to new applicants and those on the housing register, and this will also include advice on other suitable housing options – for example accommodation in the private rented sector.

IT Changes delayed

Priority Bands

When an applicant applies for housing, we prioritise their application by putting them into bands. Bands were previously numbered 1 to 5. In the new policy, priority bands are now lettered A to D.

Successful applicants who join our Housing Register will receive an automatically generated letter confirming the priority band they have been put in.

Unfortunately the bands on the letter do not match with the new policy. The table below shows the differences:

Old Band	New Band
Band 1	No longer exists, applicants formerly awarded this band are now Band B applicants
Band 2	Band A
Band 3	Band B
Band 4	Band C
Band 5	Band D

Important changes in the new policy

Two other changes to the new policy that we want to make you aware of are the introduction of a savings and income threshold for people applying to join the housing register.

Savings threshold

As social housing is in such high demand, we want to make sure that those in most need have access to housing. To help with this, we have brought in a savings threshold. This means that if any adult member of the household has savings of £16,000 or above you will not be allowed to join the housing register.

Income threshold

For the same reasons, we have also brought in an income threshold.

This means that single applicants with an income of £35,000 or more or joint applicants with an annual combined income of £60,000 or more will not be allowed to join the housing register.