

Ministry of Housing and Equality

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## AFFORDABLE HOMES CRITERIA: Note on Policy for Separated / Divorced Individuals

The Government reminds prospective purchasers of the new affordable homes that the allocation of housing will be as fair as possible to everyone in our community.

As such, the Housing Department allocation criteria will be applied when determining the composition of the flats offered to applicants. Everyone will also have the opportunity to purchase an additional bedroom should they wish to do so.

This policy will be particularly helpful for couples who have separated, especially for the parent who does not have residence of their children, as they will have the opportunity to purchase a flat that would be larger than one that would be allocated to them by the housing department for rental so that their children can be provided for in these homes also.