

Right to Move

In April 2015 the Right To Move was brought into effect. A description of what this means and who may be affected by this legislation is below.

At present, this is not currently assessed through the online application form, so if you believe you meet this criteria you should contact us separately by e-mailing bromleyhomeseekers@bromley.gov.uk explaining your situation and why you think you should be included under this reasonable preference category.

The following fully explains the Right To Move and how we will assess this need in line with our Allocation Scheme:

12.16 Right to Move¹

Existing social housing tenants that currently live outside of the borough boundaries but who need to move into Bromley to take up employment or an offer of employment are assessed in accordance with the following reasonable preference category;

- The Right to Move

In order to establish whether or not you qualify in accordance with this reasonable preference category we will take into account;

- The distance and/or time taken to travel between work and home:
In accordance with the guidance set out by the Job Centre Plus we consider that a commute of 90 minutes or under (no more than 3 hours per day) is reasonable.
- The availability and affordability of transport, taking into account level of earnings:
This will be assessed on a case by case basis.
- The nature of the work or work based apprenticeship and whether similar opportunities are available closer to home:
This will be assessed on a case by case basis. Consideration will also be given to those cases where an offer of work has been made and where the applicant can demonstrate, to the local authority's satisfaction, that there is a genuine intention to take up that offer.
- Other personal factors, such as medical conditions and child care, which would be affected if the tenant could not move:
This will be assessed on a case by case basis and will take into account how child care and medical needs are currently managed.
- The length of the work contract:
This must be for a minimum of 12 months and the applicant must work 16 hours or more per week.
- Whether failure to move would result in the loss of an opportunity to improve their employment circumstances or prospects, for example, by taking up a better job, a promotion, or an apprenticeship:
This will be assessed on a case by case basis.

We must be satisfied that your circumstances meet the above criteria **and** that it is the case that you not just wish to move but need to move in order to avoid hardship.

¹ http://www.bromleyhomeseekers.co.uk/Bromley/PDF/Housing_Allocation_Scheme_2015_Revision.pdf

The following will be excluded from consideration;

- Volunteering e.g. work that is unpaid.
- Work that the local authority considers marginal in nature by either virtue of the hours worked or job undertaken.
- Work that the local authority considers to be ancillary in nature for example where the applicant works for a period of time within the borough but where this is not their main place of work such as those who are self-employed or who work from home.

The following will not normally be considered;

- Those who have a combined annual income of £60,000 or more. This will include income generated from employment and/or benefits.