

I've seen a home I like, how do I apply for it?

You show your interest in a home by 'bidding'. You can bid by phone, text message, online, or through coupons.

What happens after I bid for a property?

Locata assesses your 'bid' against all other applicants according to their band and how long they have been registered. Those with the highest priority, followed by those who have been registered the longest will be put onto a short list.

The shortlist of applicants for each property is given to the landlord (subject to verification of the applicant). The landlord then arranges viewings.

After applicants have viewed the property and confirm they want to move, the landlord will offer the property to the person or family with the highest priority.

What if I don't want the property?

If you don't want a property or do not attend a viewing, the next person on the shortlist will be invited to view the property. Applicants do not automatically get penalised for refusing properties; however, this may vary if an applicant is in a 'high priority band' and needs to move urgently.

Can I bid for any property advertised?

This will vary with different Councils and Housing Associations. Locata partners have certain criteria when advertising a property. Some Local Authorities may not allow applicants to bid on their properties if the applicant does not reside in the borough.

How can I find out what my chances are?

Each bulletin sheet will give details of all recent lettings so applicants can compare their own band or waiting time with those of successful applicants.

It is not possible to notify all applicants on the shortlist if their bids have been unsuccessful. In most cases, shortlisted applicants will be notified in writing within two weeks of the bid closing (subject to verification). However, properties may be advertised in advance before they are ready for viewing and occupation.

More information

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