This diagram shows the inquiries the council has to make if you ask for help because you are homeless or likely to become homeless within two months.

The rules that govern homelessness legislation changed at the end of 2012. The major change was the ending of the priority need test, this means that if you are assessed as unintentionally homeless you have the right to a home.



The council **must** provide you with **settled accommodation**. You might have to wait a while in temporary accommodation until a suitable home is available.

## Settled accommodation can be either:

**Permanent accommodation** – can be a Scottish secure tenancy, a short Scottish secure tenancy or an assured tenancy.

**Non-permanent accommodation** – can be a short assured tenancy of at least 12 months (only with the consent of the applicant), or where a housing support services assessment has identified that a applicant requires housing support services and it is not appropriate to provide this support within permanent accommodation.

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