



Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program

If you aspire to owning your own home or living in a private rental, then the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program could be for you!

You will be provided an affordable rental property and given access to a range of services that focus on employment, education, financial independence, household management and wellbeing.

The program will support you to achieve your goals and aspirations and move into your own home.

Am I eligible?

To be eligible you must:

- Have a minimum of one adult applicant of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Have resided in the Town of Port Hedland for a minimum of 12 months
- Not own property or land
- Aspire to move towards home ownership or private rental
- Ensure school-aged children in the household attend school regularly
- Be employed in paid training or seeking employment or paid training
- Commit to working with service providers to achieve goals and aspirations.

Frequently asked questions

1. Am I eligible for for the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program?

See "Am I eligible?" on this flyer or contact your local service provider who can provide further information.

2. Can I apply for the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program if I do not have children?

Yes, singles and couples without children can apply for the program.

3. Do I need a rental history to be considered for the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program?

No, a rental history is not a requirement. All applicants will be considered regardless of having a rental history or not.



4. Can I apply for the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program if I have debt?

Yes, however there are limits to existing levels of debt for participants.

5. Is there a limit to how many people can live in each Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program house?

Yes, there is and this will change depending on the size of the house. Just like a private rental, applicants must list family members who will be living in the home permanently.

6. How does the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program help with home ownership and private rental?

Participants in the program are provided an affordable rental property and receive services that can help you to save the money needed to purchase your own home or move into private rental.

7. Will I continue to receive support after I transition to home ownership or private rental?

Yes, if you want to. Participants who transition to independent housing can opt in to receive services for up to 12 months.

8. Will I go onto the priority public housing waitlist if I decide I no longer want to be in the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program?

No, participants are not automatically placed on the priority public housing waitlist. If you no longer want to be in the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program, we will help you find a suitable house prior to exiting the program, which may include public housing.

9. Is furniture included in the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program houses?

No, furniture is not included. Participants will need to bring their own furniture and personal items.

10. Can I buy a Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program home?

Yes, the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program properties may be available for purchase. Please speak to your service provider for more information.

11. Will I be given a Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program home straight away?

Not always, but you can still join the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program if you are eligible. Service providers will work with you until you are ready, or a Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program home is available.

12. Do I have any choice in the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program home I can rent?

Yes you do. Service providers will work with you to find a suitable home.

13. Who is the Hedland Aboriginal Home Ownership Program service provider?

Your local service provider is Bloodwood Tree Association Inc:
19 Hamilton Road, South Hedland

Email:
homecoordinator@bloodwoodtree.org.au

Phone: (08) 9138 3000.