



# ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

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## APPLICATION PACKAGE

### Independent Living Complex at Lot 5 Forsayth Road, Georgetown

#### WELCOME

Etheridge Shire Council is pleased to offer four rental units at Lot 5 Forsayth Road, Georgetown, as part of an Independent Living Complex designed to support seniors in our community.

These homes are available to people aged 65 and over who may be finding it hard to secure safe and comfortable rental accommodation. As part of Council's housing program, these units are being offered to the public to enable our senior residents a more comfortable living option within the shire.

This initiative reflects Council's commitment to helping seniors remain independent, comfortable, and connected to their community.

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

To be considered, applicants must:

- be 65 years or older;
- meet the eligibility criteria; and
- provide supporting documents (eg: income details, identification, and housing history).

The Eligibility Checklist and Supporting Documentation Checklist included in this pack will guide you through what's required.

#### TENANCY DETAILS

If your application is successful, here's what to expect:

- All tenants will sign a formal tenancy agreement with Council.
- The initial tenancy term will be for 12 months.
- If you continue to meet the eligibility criteria and are not in breach of your tenancy agreement, your lease may be renewed each year for a further 12 months.
- Rent will be set at the market rent amount determined by council resolution, based on an independent property valuation carried out once a year.
- Rent is reviewed each year in line with the latest valuation but will not increase more than once in any 12-month period.
- Tenants are responsible for paying their own utility bills. This includes electricity, water, gas, and phone/internet. You'll need to set up these accounts in your own name.
- Council is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the dwellings.
- As a tenant, you are expected to pay rent on time, keep the property clean and undamaged, follow the terms of your agreement, report any maintenance issues promptly, avoid causing nuisance or damage, and leave the property in good condition when your tenancy ends.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS PACK

Inside this application pack, you'll find:

- Rental Application Form (Form 22)
- Eligibility Checklist – New Application
- Supporting Documentation Checklist – New Application

Please read through each item carefully and make sure you complete and return all required forms.

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## **HOW APPLICATIONS ARE ASSESSED**

- Every application will be assessed fairly according to Council's policies and guidelines.
- Council will carefully review your application to determine if you're eligible and whether your needs are a good match for the available units.
- Council will consider factors like how well the location suits your needs and your connection to the local area and services.
- All decisions will be made using a transparent and well-documented process.
- Offers shall be made to the applicant whose circumstances and housing needs best match the available unit.

## **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

- If your application is successful, Council will be in touch with a housing offer.
- If your application is not successful, Council will let you know.

## **NEED HELP?**

If you have questions or need help completing the forms, please don't hesitate to contact Council on (07) 4079 9090.

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# Rental application (Form 22)

Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008  
(Sections 57B-57D and 457C-457E, 458A, 458B)



**This rental application form should be used by all applicants and property managers or owners for residential tenancies. For more information about your rights and responsibilities, please see our [Application process webpage](#).**

## Information to complete this application

If there is more than 1 applicant applying for the same property, each applicant needs to complete a separate application form (e.g. if applying with a partner, spouse or friends each person needs to complete a separate application form).

Property managers/owners should indicate on the application form ways to submit an application under item 3, and documents requested under items 7, 8 and 9 as well as provide information regarding tenancy databases under item 15.

Applicants should complete all other items on the form.

### 1 Property manager/owner details

Full name			
Phone		Email	
Agency details (if applicable)			

### 2 Address of the premises

		Postcode	
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### 3 Ways to submit your application

*Note: The property manager/owner should indicate the submission methods*

Submit your application using one of the following two methods:

1	
2	

### 4 Number of occupants

Total number of occupants (including those under 18 years of age) intended to reside on the premises

Number of occupants under 18 years of age

### 5 Applicant details

#### Personal details

Full name			Date of birth	
Current address				
			Postcode	
Phone		Email		

### 6 Employment details

Current employer			
Job title			
Length of employment		Gross weekly income	

*Note: If you cannot provide details of your current employment or income, please provide other details about your ability to pay rent under item 7, Financial information.*

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## 7 Financial information

Note: The property manager/owner should indicate which financial information documents are requested.

Please provide the following documents to verify your ability to pay rent

1	
2	

Examples: most recent pay slips, bank statements (without transaction details), other financial documents (as requested by the property manager/owner). Note: Required documents may vary depending on individual circumstances, refer to the property manager/owner requirements.

### If not receiving regular income (e.g. self-employed, casual, freelance, between employment)

Please provide details of previous employment or other documents supporting your financial ability to pay rent, such as:

- Pay slips from previous employment
- Bank statements (**without transaction details**)
- Centrelink payment statements/letters
- Proof of savings or assets

- Other

## 8 Verification of identity

Note: The property manager/owner should indicate which identity documents are requested.

Please provide the following documents to verify your identity. You should discuss the most suitable method of identity verification if you are unable to provide the requested documents

1	
2	

Note: If you are providing copies of identification documents, your personal information must be stored securely. If your application is unsuccessful, the property manager or owner must destroy this information within 3 months of the relevant tenancy commencing, unless you otherwise consent for information to be held for a longer period.

## 9 Applicant suitability

Note: The property manager/owner should indicate which documents are requested.

Please provide the following documents to support your suitability

1	
2	

Note: Where an applicant may be unable to provide the requested documentation, they should discuss with the property manager/owner other alternative suitable documentation.

## 10 Rental history (if you do not have a rental history, leave this section blank)

### Property 1

Current/previous address			
		Postcode	
Rental period (Start - End)			
Property manager/owner <b>name</b>			
Property manager/owner <b>email</b>			
Property manager/owner <b>phone</b>			

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## Property 2

Previous address			
		Postcode	
Rental period (Start – End)			
Property manager/owner <b>name</b>			
Property manager/owner <b>email</b>			
Property manager/owner <b>phone</b>			

## 11 References

Please provide 2 referees who can verify your ability to care for the premises

Name			
Phone		Email	
Referee's connection to applicant			

Name			
Phone		Email	
Referee's connection to applicant			

## 12 Pet details

Do you intend to keep any pets at the premises?  Yes  No

If yes, provide details

Type/s of pets	
Number of pets	

Other information about any pets (optional)

Examples: The pet's age, temperament, training, whether the pet is to be kept inside and/or outside, photos of any pets or their enclosures

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*Note: If a pet is to be kept at the premises, the tenancy agreement may contain additional reasonable conditions such as requiring the tenant to do pest control and carpet cleaning.*

## 13 Vehicle details

Will any vehicles be parked at the premises?  Yes  No

If yes, please specify the number of vehicles

Cars  Trailers  Caravans  Heavy vehicles  Boats  Other motor vehicles

*Note: If vehicles are to be parked on the premises the property manager/owner may require additional conditions in the tenancy agreement such as the requirement for vehicles to be parked in a dedicated parking space, driveway, park or body corporate rules relating to vehicles.*

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## 14 Term of tenancy

Preferred move-in date	
Desired lease term (e.g. 6 months, 12 months, 24 months)	

## 15 Tenancy databases

A property manager/owner can use tenancy databases to check an applicant's tenancy history.

The following databases may be used to check an applicant's tenancy history. An applicant may contact the tenancy databases using the following details.

Tenancy database	Phone number	Web address

## 16 Submission confirmation: Your application will not be processed unless all required documents are submitted

Print name	Signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## Help or further information

For further information, visit the Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) website at [rta.qld.gov.au](http://rta.qld.gov.au) or call the RTA's Contact Centre on 1300 366 311.

## Important information:

- Application form:** Property managers and owners must use a standardised tenancy application form which complies with the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008* (the Act) and the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Regulation 2009* (the Regulation).
- Exemptions:** Relevant lessors, as defined under section 57B(7) of the Act, are not required to use this standardised application form.
- Ways to submit applications:** Applicants must be given at least 2 different ways to submit their application, one of which must not be a restricted way. Restricted ways are:
  - where an applicant is required to provide their personal information through an online platform to someone who is not the property manager or owner, but who is collecting the information on behalf of the property manager or owner, and/or
  - a method that incurs a cost to the applicant such as an application fee or the cost to conduct a background check.
- Request for information from applicants:** Applicants can only be asked for specific details, including proof of identity, financial ability to pay rent, documents assessing their suitability and references. Applicants cannot be asked to provide information such as details about legal actions they have taken, including previous tenancy disputes or matters considered by the tribunal, history of rental bond claims, breach notices given by and to the applicant, and statements of credit accounts or bank accounts detailing transactions.
- Verifying identity:** An applicant can prove their identity either by presenting the original documents or providing a copy. The property manager or owner must not keep a copy of the original documents unless the applicant has given their consent. No consent is required if a copy of the documents is provided instead of the original.
- The information provided must be used solely to assess an applicant's suitability as a tenant.
- An applicant's personal information must be stored securely and only used for the application process.
- An applicant should ensure that they keep a copy of their application form for their records.
- If an applicant does not have the requested documentation, they should discuss with the property manager or owner what other documentation may be suitable.

Failure to comply with application process requirements is an offence, with a maximum penalty of 20 penalty units.

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## Discrimination in accommodation

If an applicant believes they are unlawfully being discriminated against, they should contact the Queensland Human Rights Commission.

The Commission handles complaints of discrimination, including those based on race, gender, age, disability, relationship status, sexuality, and other protected attributes under the Queensland *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*. The Commission can provide guidance on how to file a complaint and assist in resolving issues related to unlawful discrimination.

## Assessment of an application

A property manager or owner will assess the suitability of an applicant based on the information provided, including checking tenancy databases identified in Item 15. If an applicant is listed on a tenancy database, they will be informed of the listing details. For more information visit the RTA's website.

An applicant should ensure that they complete the application in full with true and correct information.

A property manager or owner is not required to provide reasons to an applicant on why their application is unsuccessful.

For office use only	
Received by	<input type="text"/>
Date received	<input type="text"/>
Application submitted by	Email <input type="checkbox"/> In-person <input type="checkbox"/> Postal mail <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Verification of identity completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Required documents attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



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## Telephone interpreter service



If you have difficulty understanding English, you can access a [free interpreter service](#) by calling the RTA (Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm – AEST time zone).

Calling from within Australia – Call 1300 366 311.

Calling from overseas – International callers +61 7 3224 1600 (+10 hours UTC)

## Arabic

يمكنك الوصول إلى الدعم من RTA عن طريق الاتصال بالرقم **1300 366 311** (من داخل أستراليا) أو **+61 7 3224 1600** (من خارج أستراليا)، من الاثنين إلى الجمعة، من الساعة 8:30 صباحاً إلى 5:00 مساءً بتوقيت شرق أستراليا. ويمكنك الوصول إلى خدمة الترجمة المجانية عند الاتصال بهذا الرقم.

## Punjabi

ਤੁਸੀਂ RTA ਕੋਲੋਂ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ: **1300 366 311** (ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ) ਜਾਂ **+61 7 3224 1600** (ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਆ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ) 'ਤੇ ਸੋਮਵਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ, 8:30 ਸਵੇਰ ਤੋਂ 5:00 ਸ਼ਾਮ AEST 'ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ। ਜਦੋਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਨੰਬਰ 'ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋਗੇ ਤਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਮੁਫਤ ਦੁਬਾਸ਼ੀਆ ਸੇਵਾ ਵੀ ਮਿਲ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

## Japanese

RTAによるサポートにアクセスするには、月曜日から金曜日の午前8時30分から午後5時まで（AESTオーストラリア東部標準時）に電話番号 **1300 366 311**（オーストラリア国内）または **+61 7 3224 1600**（オーストラリア国外）に電話してください。この番号に電話すると、無料の通訳サービスにアクセスできます。

## Korean

RTA의 지원 서비스를 이용하려면 **1300 366 311** (호주 국내) 또는 **+61 7 3224 1600** (호주 국외)번으로 전화하십시오(월요일~금요일, 호주 동부표준시 기준 오전 8:30~오후 5:00). 이 번호로 전화하면 무료 통역 서비스를 이용할 수 있습니다.

## Simplified Chinese

若需 RTA 支持服务，请致电 **1300 366 311**（澳大利亚境内）或 **+61 7 3224 1600** 澳大利亚境外），工作时间为周一至周五上午 8:30 至下午 5:00（澳大利亚东部标准时间）。拨打此号码可获取免费口译服务。

## Spanish

Puede acceder a la ayuda de la RTA llamando al **1300 366 311** (dentro de Australia) o al **+61 7 3224 1600** (desde fuera de Australia), de lunes a viernes, de 8:30am a 5:00pm hora estándar del este de Australia (AEST). Si llama a este número, podrá acceder a un servicio de intérprete sin cargo.

## Traditional Chinese

您可以於澳洲東部標準時間星期一至星期五上午8時30分至下午5時致電**1300 366 311**（澳洲境內）或 **+61 7 3224 1600**（澳洲境外）獲取RTA的援助。致電時，您可以使用免費傳譯服務。

## Vietnamese

Quý vị có thể xin RTA hỗ trợ bằng cách gọi số **1300 366 311** (trong nước Úc) hoặc **+61 7 3224 1600** (bên ngoài nước Úc), từ Thứ Hai đến Thứ Sáu, 8:30 sáng đến 5:00 chiều AEST. Quý vị có thể sử dụng dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí khi gọi đến số này.





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## ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST – NEW APPLICATION

### Etheridge Shire Council Independent Living Facility

Houses 1A, 1B, 1C & 2A, Lot 5 Forsayth Road, Georgetown QLD 4871

Item	Details	Yes
1.	Applicant is aged 65 years or older.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Applicant meets the eligibility criteria. Applicant: <input type="checkbox"/> is an Australian citizen; <input type="checkbox"/> is a permanent resident of Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Applicant meets the residency criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> current residence in Etheridge Shire; or <input type="checkbox"/> previous residence in Etheridge Shire with an intention to return; or <input type="checkbox"/> strong ties to a community within Etheridge Shire (eg: family, work, cultural or community involvement).	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST – NEW APPLICATION

Etheridge Shire Council's Independent Living Facility

Houses 1A, 1B, 1C & 2A, Lot 5 Forsayth Road, Georgetown QLD 4871

Item	Details	Attached
1.	<b>Proof of Identification</b> (two documents as outlined in clause 4.1.2 Eligibility Policy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	<b>Proof of current address</b> (Driver's Licence, 18+ Card or other comparable evidence)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	<b>2 current payslips</b> with the applicant's tax file number redacted; or	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Current <b>bank account statement, Centrelink payment summaries or other proof of savings or assets</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Signed <b>declaration</b> regarding provision of identity documents	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## DECLARATION FOR PROVISION OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS – NEW APPLICATION

**Etheridge Shire Council's Independent Living Facility**

**Houses 1A, 1B, 1C & 2A, Lot 5 Forsayth Road, Georgetown QLD 4871**

### Declaration

As per the Independent Living Facility Eligibility Policy, Council is required to collect personal information for verification purposes. This declaration is a required Supporting Document to your application.

*The Landlord is collecting information, including identity documents to verify the Applicant's identity, for the purposes of assessing the Applicant's eligibility to become an Independent Living Facility tenant at Lot 5 Forsayth Road, Georgetown.*

*The Applicant hereby consents to the Landlord keeping a copy of the Applicant's identity documents.*

*The Landlord will not disclose personal information to any other third party for any other purpose, unless with consent or as required by law*

Applicants Signature:

Date:

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