

CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR R.A.S. APPLICANTS**

Qualifying Criteria for R.A.S. Scheme.

- (1) Applicants must be in receipt of Rent Supplement for 18 months continuously.
- (2) Applicants must be included in the Council's most recent Assessment of Housing Need (Housing List).

General Information for R.A.S. Applicant.

- (1) Applicants to submit completed application form to the Housing Department, Carlow County Council, Tullow Civic Offices, Tullow, Co. Carlow. Tel. (059) 9170362/9136270 / 9170368.
- (2) Applicants will be called for interview to discuss their application.
- (3) If the applicant wishes to remain in their current private rented Accommodation, and their landlord is willing to come onto the scheme, the Council will endeavour where possible to facilitate this. This is subject to the property being inspected by the Council's Engineer, works being carried out to the satisfaction of the Council's Engineer, and Landlord and Carlow County Council agreeing monthly rent. It should also be noted that applicants housing need is based on the family size, i.e. single applicant will be considered for 1 bed accommodation.
- (4) Applicants should note that the allocation of property under the Rental Accommodation Scheme is carried out under the Council's current Social Housing Allocation policy.
- (5) If applicants are offered a property under the R.A.S. scheme, they must advise the Council in writing, of their acceptance or refusal of the property.
- (6) Applicants must submit a written reference from their most recent private rented landlord.
- (7) Once an applicant is appointed a RAS tenant, their rent will be calculated using the Council's Differential Rent Scheme. This is an income based rent calculation. It is imperative that tenants advise the Council if there are any changes in the circumstances i.e. income Family composition etc. as this could effect their weekly rent.
- (8) Under the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) Regulations 2011, Housing applicants, once appointed tenant of a RAS property, will be removed from the Council's housing list as RAS accommodation is a Social Housing Option.
- (9) The Governing legislation for R.A.S. is the Residential Tenancies Act 2004.

