

Definition of local connection

To qualify for 'local connection' and be allocated a Derby Homefinder property, the applicant must:

- have lived in Derby for six out of the last 12 months or
- have lived in Derby for three out of the last five years or
- work in Derby. Applicants who have permanent work in Derby have an immediate local connection. Applicants who have temporary or casual work establish a local connection after six months of work in the city or
- have an immediate family member (grandparent / parent / child / brother / sister), with whom they are in close contact, living in Derby and have lived in Derby for the last six months

You can't claim a local connection through residence which is not of your choice, such as by living in approved premises, a probation hostel or hospital.

We will need to see proof that applicants have a local connection with the city.

Working in Derby

If you claim a local connection under the work rule, we will need your current employer to provide written proof confirming the length of employment.

Family connection

Where you claim a local connection under the family rule, we will need you to provide proof to confirm the family connection.

Other local connection circumstances

These circumstances include:

- applicants who have been accepted by Derby City Council under the homeless law
- applicants who have been accepted for priority re-housing as a reciprocal arrangement with another local council
- HM Armed Forces applicants through Section 315 of the Housing and Regeneration Act (2008) who have established a local connection with Derby before they joined the services
- members of the Armed Forces, former service personnel applying within five years of discharge, bereaved spouses and civil partners of members of the Armed Forces and serving or former members of the Reserve Forces who need to move for medical reasons
- refugees who have been granted leave to remain and have been dispersed to the city

- young people leaving the care of Derby City Council who have been placed outside Derby but are the responsibility of Derby City Councils Children and Young People Department
- applicants who have been accepted from outside Derby as part of a Witness Protection recommendation
- applicants from outside Derby who are victims of domestic violence who cannot return to the area where they were living for fear of violence
- people who had a local connection to Derby at the time they were placed in temporary accommodation outside the city boundary by a recognised referral agency
- people who need to get access to health or support services or support networks that are only available in the city - for example, the Royal School for the Deaf

What does not give you a local connection?

- People living in bail hostels or approved premises
- Occupying a mobile home, caravan or motor caravan which is not placed on an official mobile home or caravan park
- Hostel residents from outside Derby who have not lived in Derby for six months
- Students whose main residence is outside the city
- Patients in Derby hospitals wards but their main home is outside the City