



Northcott Housing Links

Northcott Housing Links is open to applicants throughout NSW and offers accessible, affordable and short to medium-term accommodation for people with a physical disability.

Accommodation

Three houses provide shared accommodation for three or four people in the Sydney suburbs of Petersham, Glebe and Ryde.

The houses have been modified to meet the needs of people who use wheelchairs. They are fully-furnished but residents have the option of providing their own bedroom furniture.

Residents

Short to medium-term housing is often a vital link for people negotiating changes in their lives. Examples are people who may:

- Have a physical disability, such as a spinal cord injury, who may be moving from a rehabilitation facility.
- Be moving from the family home towards establishing their own home.
- Be waiting for Department of Housing accommodation.
- Have moved to Sydney to study at a university or TAFE college.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are adults of working age who have a physical disability and:

- Need accessible accommodation for a period of six to 24 months.
- Can live safely in the house with available support
- Are independent in self-care or able to arrange assistance through community services, such as Home Care or Attendant Care programs.
- Have identified plans for their long-term accommodation.

Staffing

A Coordinator is based at Northcott Disability Services central office in North Parramatta and is available during business hours.

Northcott does not provide direct care staff at the houses; residents make their own arrangements with community agencies as necessary.

Cost

Rent is a percentage of individual income and is similar to rents charged by the NSW Department of Housing. An additional levy for energy and telephone line rental is also charged. Residents are responsible for cost of their own phone call charges, as well as other daily living expenses.

Funding

The service is funded by Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW and Northcott Disability Services.



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