

Debt Discount Scheme application form

Surname

Given names

Centrelink customer ref. no.

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Housing Authority ref. no.

Date of birth

Current address

Amount owing \$

I agree to pay the amount of \$

per week fortnight month

Starting from

Via: Housing Authority card

Centrelink deductions*

Direct debit*

Other

* If paying by either Centrelink deductions or direct debit please attach relevant forms.

Applicant signature

Witness name

Witness position

Witness signature

Date

Office use only

Date received

Initial

Payment ref. no.

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Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Communities**

Debt Discount Scheme

A Department of Communities initiative to assist clients to repay their debt and access housing assistance as soon as possible.



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* For housing related matters

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What is the Debt Discount Scheme?

The Debt Discount Scheme (the scheme) is available for previous or current tenants paying back debts related to a previous Department of Communities tenancy. Eligible clients are required to pay back 50 per cent of the debt they owe.

Clients with a debt relating to a previous tenancy may not be eligible for public housing or home ownership. The scheme allows these clients to meet eligibility requirements by repaying a portion of the debt in lieu of the full amount.

Who is eligible to participate in the Debt Discount Scheme?

If you owe a debt to the Department of Communities from a previous tenancy you may be eligible to participate in the scheme. To determine your eligibility, you need to complete the application form and return it to your local Communities office.



How does the Debt Discount Scheme work?

We offer a discount of 50 per cent off your debt, that is, \$1 off for every \$1 you repay. For example, if your debt is \$600, under the scheme you must repay \$300 before you are eligible for the \$300 discount.

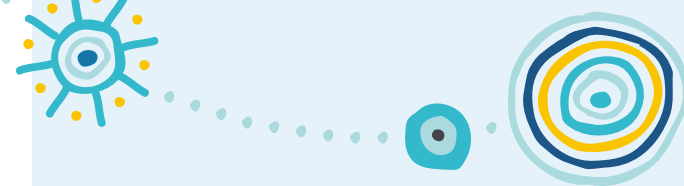
To remain in the scheme you must maintain your repayment schedule.

What if you are already repaying a debt to us?

Even if you are already repaying a debt to us, you are still able to apply for the scheme.

If you are deemed eligible to participate in the scheme the discount will only apply to the amount of money owed when you enter into the agreement.

For example, if you owed \$500 but have already repaid \$200, the discount will only apply to the remaining \$300.



What if you are currently a tenant of ours?

If you are a current tenant you may participate in the scheme but only to repay a debt from a previous tenancy.

Any debt incurred at your current tenancy cannot be paid under the scheme – it must be repaid in full.

The scheme cannot be used for paying back bond assistance loans, nor can it be used where a current tenant has incurred debt due to a transfer from one of our properties to another.

What if you are a previous tenant of ours applying for housing assistance?

If you apply for public housing and have a debt with us, you may be able to participate in the scheme.

Your application for public housing will be registered with the date you commence participating in the scheme but you will only receive the benefit of this date when the debt has been repaid.

If you are paying by Centrelink or direct debit, please complete the relevant forms located in your local Communities office.