# Application For Assistance With Retirement Housing

STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

The Church of Scotland is committed to protecting your privacy and safeguarding your personal data. The personal data collected by this form is subject to the Privacy Notice contained in the Guidance Notes in Appendix 9 and published on our website and also accessed at [www.churchofscotland.org.uk/site/privacy-centre/data-protection/notices/privacy-notice-for-housing-and-loan-fund-assistance](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/site/privacy-centre/data-protection/notices/privacy-notice-for-housing-and-loan-fund-assistance)

Name:

Name of spouse or civil partner (if applicable):

DOB:

Spouse/civil partner DOB (if applicable):

Number of years served as Minister in Church of Scotland:

Intended date of retirement:

Full address including postcode:

\*Email:

\*Please note that for serving Ministers, the Church of Scotland email address must be used

Home tel:

Mob tel:

Status (Minister, Widow/er):

Parish:

Occupation of spouse/civil partner (if applicable):

Dependents living with you:

Name:

Age:

Relationship:

Name:

Age:

Relationship:

1. Have you ever received any assistance from the Housing and Loan Fund before?

YES NO

If YES, please give full details:

1. Having read the Guidance Notes provided by the Housing and Loan Fund, please indicate which category of assistance is relevant in your circumstances as defined by the Guidance Notes. (Please be aware that normally the type of assistance will be decided by the Trustees based on your level of financial resources. It is NOT generally a matter of personal choice). Please tick below.

House to rent

Shared Appreciation Loan Standard Loan

Short-term Bridging Loan

1. If you think that the Guidance Notes indicate that your application may lead to the offer of a HOUSE TO RENT, please state:

Preferred area of Scotland in which you would like to live:

Alternative areas of Scotland that you would consider:

1. If you think that the Guidance Notes indicate that your application may lead to an offer of a HOUSING LOAN, please specify which type of loan you think is likely to be granted:

Standard Loan (up to £50,000)

Shared Appreciation Loan (between £50,000 and £182,000)

Short-term Bridging Loan

Please indicate amount of bridging you think will be required (£):

(Please be aware that the minimum Standard Loan and Bridging Loan amount is £5,000)

5. If you think that the Guidance Notes indicate that your application may lead to an offer of a HOUSING LOAN, please specify which area(s) of Scotland you are considering:

6. If you or your spouse or civil partner already own a property, or apart: from the Manse, have a tenancy of any property, please give the following details:

Address of property:

Owned Rented

If owned, what is the estimated value of the property? £

If there is a mortgage or bank loan outstanding on the property, please indicate the sum involved £

Do you intend to retire to this property, or do you intend to sell it prior to retirement?

Name and address of current lender (Bank/Building Society):

7. If you think that the Guidance Notes indicate that your application may lead to an offer of a HOUSING LOAN, please give the name, address and telephone number of your Solicitor:

8. Personal financial details are required to enable the Trustees to consider your application. Please complete this section as full and carefully as you can, using current values for items such as stocks and shares:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Savings And Investments (detail on separate sheet if necessary) | | |
|  | Your capital (£) | Spouse or civil partner’s capital (£) |
| Bank current accounts\* |  |  |
| Bank and Building Society savings accounts\* |  |  |
| Stocks and shares\* |  |  |
| Investment accounts such as ISAs\* |  |  |
| All other investments\* (pension pots -see over)\*\* |  |  |
| Totals |  |  |

\* Please provide copies of the most recent annual statements relating to all accounts investments and policies.

Please give details of any liabilities such as overdrafts/loans/credit card balances etc

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Liabilities | | |
| Type of liability (overdrafts/loans/credit cards) | Your liabilities (£) | Spouseor civil partner’s liabilities (£) |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Totals |  |  |

Please provide details of any other capital, pension pot or regular income that you or your spouse or civil partner already have or will receive after you retire. Please give the gross figure (i.e. before tax). You do NOT need to give details of the State Pension. The pensions team at 121 George Street will provide us with details of your final salary benefits from the Church of Scotland Pension Scheme for Ministers and Overseas Missionaries (these are the benefits you earned up to 2013). Please obtain information from Legal and General on your money purchase workplace pension pot. These are benefits you have accrued since 2013. If you have any policies taken out in your own right – including any “contracted-out” policy with Standard Life or other company – then please provide us with details of any pension pots which will be available from those.  Our pensions team do not have access to that information and we are reliant on you providing that to us.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Other Capital and Income including Pensions \*\* | | |
| Type of Capital / Income\* | Yours (£) | Spouse or civil partner’s (£) |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Totals |  |  |

Life Assurance Policies or Endowments

If either you or your spouse have Life or Endowment Policies, please give details below. (It is NOT necessary to give details of policies that only pay out on death.) In particular we need to know the amount of the Basic Sum Assured, the Estimated Maturity Value, and the date of Maturity.

Your Life Assurance Policies\* or Endowments\*:

Spouse or civil partner’s Life Assurance Policies\* or Endowments\*:

\* Please provide copies of the most recent annual statements relating to these.

Please read the information below carefully, complete the declarations, sign and date the form at the bottom.

If you are married, your spouse should also read the declarations carefully and sign the form. This is because if you are married or in a civil partnership, house tenancy leases and loan agreements are provided in your joint names.

APPLICATION AND DECLARATIONS

I/WE hereby apply, in terms of the details supplied herein, to the Trustees of The Church of Scotland Housing & Loan Fund for Retired Ministers & Widows & Widowers of Ministers for assistance with housing in retirement to be provided in accordance with the Fund’s parameters current at the date of my retirement. I/WE have read the current Guidance Notes setting out the provisions of the Fund.

I/WE understand that this provision may be either a house to rent, or a housing loan, depending on MY/OUR financial circumstances as disclosed herein and those financial circumstances to be disclosed at the time of the Review to be carried out prior to my retirement. I/WE further understand that any such provision is at the discretion of the Trustees of The Church of Scotland Housing & Loan Fund for Retired Ministers & Widows & Widowers of Ministers.

I/WE declare that the financial information given in this form has been honestly stated and provides a true and fair statement of MY/OUR full financial resources and I/WE undertake to complete the Review of our circumstances for the purposes of MY/OUR application prior to my retirement.

I/WE authorise the exchange of information between the Church of Scotland Pension Trustees and the Trustees of The Church of Scotland Housing & Loan Fund for Retired Ministers & Widows & Widowers of Ministers as they may require.

If provided with a HOUSE TO RENT, I/WE fully understand and agree that:

1. Although I/WE have the right to be consulted as to any house offered to ME/US for rent, the final decision lies with the Trustees, and that I/WE have no right to insist on being offered any particular house.
2. This application in no way commits the Trustees to renting a house to ME/US.
3. Should the Trustees agree to such provision, the Trustees will aim to purchase a house with a date of entry not more than 2 months before my intended retirement date for my/our occupation after retirement. Only in exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Trustees, will a house be purchased with a date of entry more than 2 months before my intended retirement date.
4. If given the lease of a house, the rent will be based on the Market Rent as determined by a suitably qualified assessor appointed by the Trustees.
5. A Private Residential Tenancy Agreement under the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 will be entered into between the Trustees and ME/US jointly.
6. If eligible, I/WE will apply for Local Housing Allowance or Universal Credit to enable ME/US to pay Market Rent.
7. In addition to rent, I/WE will be responsible for Council Tax; any other common charges or payments applicable to the leased property; most interior maintenance, repair and redecoration and for keeping any garden grounds neat and tidy.
8. I/WE undertake to advise the Trustees of any significant change in MY/OUR financial circumstances.
9. I/WE undertake to advise the Trustees of any change in marital status, and on such occurrence to furnish the Trustees with an updated statement of financial resources.

If provided with a HOUSING LOAN, I/WE fully understand and agree that:

1. This application in no way commits the Trustees to giving ME/US a loan.
2. Payment of the loan to ME/US will not be made earlier than twelve months prior to my declared retirement date.
3. Interest will be payable on the loan at such a rate as the Trustees may from time to time determine.
4. The loan will be applied to the purchase or reconditioning of a dwellinghouse for MY/OUR private residential use, or to repay an existing mortgage over a house for MY/OUR private residential use.
5. I/WE will have Maintenance and Repair Obligations including reasonable inspection rights exercisable by persons authorised by the Trustees. In the case of a Shared Appreciation Loan, this will constitute visits to the property every 5 years.
6. In the event of the house being sold or alienated, the loan falls to be repaid in full and that if the loan is a Shared Appreciation Loan, a Loan Enhancement Amount will fall to be settled in addition.
7. In the event of the loan being outstanding at my death, my heirs, executors and representatives will repay the loan out of my estate, along with a Shared Appreciation Loan Enhancement Amount where appropriate, continuing

to pay interest at the then prevailing special rate charged following the Death of a Borrower on the loan until repayment, except that in the event of me being survived by my spouse, repayment will not be required until the occasion of her/his death.

1. Any loan made will be heritably secured by means of a Standard Security and that the Title to the house will be taken in the name of ME/US jointly and to the survivor.
2. I/WE undertake to advise the Trustees of any significant change in MY/OUR financial circumstances.
3. I/WE undertake to advise the Trustees of any change in marital status, and on such occurrence to furnish the Trustees with an updated statement of financial resources.

I/WE have read over the foregoing conditions and AM/ARE in agreement therewith.

I/WE realise there will require to be signed a formal agreement/lease/loan undertaking embodying the above obligations and containing such other clauses as may be mutually agreed,

I/WE accept that any tax payable to HMRC as a result of the provision of a house to rent or a housing loan will be due by me/us,

and

I/WE appreciate that Rent or Interest Payments will be deducted from monthly or other sums which may be payable to me by the Church of Scotland Pension Trustees.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Signature of Applicant:

Date: