

HOW TO APPLY FOR BOARDING HOUSE ACCOMMODATION

Unity does not take self-referrals from the public. All applicants must be referred by a support agency or homelessness support service with which you are a client.

You can download an application form from www.unityhousing.org.au or contact a support agency or homelessness support service and become a client of that agency. Please fill in the application form in conjunction with your support worker before returning it to us via email, post or in person (contact details are listed on the back of this brochure).

We have a clear and fair allocation process that takes the needs of individuals into account.

The process of assessing your application will include an interview to determine your suitability for boarding house accommodation.

If approved, you will be advised when a suitable vacancy arises. If offered accommodation you will need to pay a two-week bond and one week's rent in advance and your rental payments will need to remain in advance for the duration of your tenancy. Housing SA may help with this.

To find out more you can:

- **call** 08 8232 5459 to speak with a Tenant Services Officer
- **email** theterrace@unityhousing.org.au
- **visit** www.unityhousing.org.au



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IF YOU ARE HOMELESS THESE CONTACTS MAY ASSIST YOU

HOMELESSNESS GATEWAY SERVICE

T 1800 003 308
For families and single people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

YOUTH GATEWAY

T 1300 306 046 or freecall 1800 807 364
Assistance to secure emergency and long-term accommodation for young people aged 15 to 25 years.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS LINE

T 1300 782 200 or freecall 1800 800 098
For women who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence, women and children who are homeless due to domestic violence, and single homeless women over 18 years. The service also links men to resources.

CRISIS CARE

T 131 611
An after-hours response to immediate child abuse and neglect matters, and crisis situations relating to children who are under the Guardianship of the Minister. The state-wide service operates from 4pm to 9am on weekdays and 24 hours on weekends and public holidays.

HUTT ST CENTRE

T 08 8418 2500
Offering showers, laundry facilities, visiting health professionals, an aged city living program for older clients, recreation activities, education and training, legal aid and assistance.



UNITY'S BOARDING HOUSES



This brochure provides information about Unity's boarding house options.

Unity Housing is South Australia's largest and most experienced community housing provider, dedicated to providing safe, secure and affordable accommodation for people on low incomes, who are vulnerable, at risk of experiencing homelessness, or living with disability.

Boarding houses provide housing for single people and usually have shared common facilities with a private bedroom and sometimes an en-suite bathroom.

Unity's boarding houses do not provide emergency and crisis accommodation or case management services.

Depending on the type of accommodation, applicants may experience a waiting period. If you need immediate accommodation you should approach your local Housing SA office or contact the **Homelessness Gateway Service on 1800 003 308**.



BOARDING HOUSE LOCATIONS

Unity has four boarding houses located in the inner city of Adelaide:

The Terrace is a mixed gender site with 95 rooms (staffed 24/7)



Citi Hall is a male-only site with six rooms



Gilles Lodge is a female-only site with 11 rooms



Hurtle Square is a female-only site with five rooms



THE TERRACE LIAISON WORKER PROGRAM

The Liaison Worker Program is based at The Terrace and is available to eligible boarding house tenants.

The aim of this program is to assist eligible tenants with building capacity to transition to more sustainable housing. This can be done by providing a holistic assessment and developing a case plan that assists tenants in identifying goals and tasks in the following areas:

- Cultural
- Employment/education/training
- Financial
- Health and wellbeing
- Housing/accommodation
- Interpersonal relationships
- Legal
- Living skills
- Personal safety

The Liaison Worker can assist you in obtaining information about other services and support and, if needed, will assist you with completing relevant referrals.

Boarding house tenants can participate in a range of activities led by tenants, as well as activities led by partner organisations.

Some of these activities include:

- Community art projects and a regular art group
- Financial counselling
- Housing information and referral
- Tenant engagement and community participation events
- Gardening activities
- Contributing to the tenant magazine
- Pastoral care group sessions in partnership with Hutt St Centre
- Social activities such as barbecues

These activities can change depending on interests, strengths and needs of tenants.

Speak to one of our Liaison Workers who can assist you to determine your eligibility to participate.

Our boarding house accommodation is predominantly for single adults, with a small number of double rooms available.

