

HOME STRETCH

HOUSING PATHWAY DISCUSSION GUIDE & CHECKLIST

1. HOUSING OPTIONS

- Do I know what type of accommodation I can move into?
- Do I know who I want to live with and where I want to live?
- Do I know how much I can afford? Have I worked out my budget?
- Do I know what I need to be prepared for? (Share housing/ own rental/ student accommodation/ transitional accommodation/family)

Resources

- *Brainstorming activity*
- *Pros & Cons list*
- [Roofs for Youth- Tenancy Needs & Wants Worksheet](#)
- [Housing Pathway Planning Tool- Step by Step Visual](#)

2. APPLYING FOR A RENTAL

- Have I completed a rental portfolio?
- Do I have all my important documents in a file? (Birth Certificate, Bank statements/ payslips, sample rental portfolio etc.)
- Do I know where to apply for properties?
- Do I know how to call the real estate agent?
- Do I know how to inspect a property?
- Do I know my legal rights?

Resources

- Where to Find a Rental
- [Example Rental Resume](#)
- [Roofs for Youth- Calling a Real Estate Agent](#)
- [Tenancy Resources | Circle Green Community Legal](#)

3. MOVING OUT AND START UP COSTS

- Have I worked out what I need when I move out and how much things cost?
- Do I have a Household Items Checklist?
- Do I know how I will pay my Bond & 2 weeks rent in advance?
- Do I know how I will move all my belongings?
- Do I know how much it will cost for moving?
- Do I know how much bills cost? (Electricity, Gas, Water, Internet etc.)
- Have I completed a budget?

Resources

- [How much does it cost?](#)
- [Roofs for Youth- Rental Start Up Costs Worksheet](#)
- [Roofs for Youth- Meeting Set up Costs](#)
- [Tenancy Resources | Circle Green Community Legal](#)
- [Bond assistance loans: resources](#)

4. MOVING IN WITH OTHER PEOPLE

- Do I know what to expect?
- Have we completed or discussed a housemate agreement?
- Have we discussed roles and responsibilities and who will pay for what?

Resources

- [Tenancy Resources | Circle Green Community Legal](#)
- [Share it! Preparing young people to share housing successfully | Family & Community Services \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
- [Share it – preparing YP to share housing document](#)
- [House Mate Agreement- Template](#)
- Questions to Ask Potential Housemates

5. FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Do I have a list of things I need when I move out?
- Do I know where to get furniture & household items from?

Resources

- *Gumtree, Facebook- Buy, Swap & Sell, Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul*
- WANILS Loan, Centrelink Advance payment*

6. MOVING INTO MY NEW PLACE

- Do I have a lease agreement or a housing contract? Do I know how to get one?
- Have I completed an ingoing inspection and a property condition report?
- Do I know my legal rights as a tenant?
- Do I know who to contact for: Maintenance/ issues with my landlord or real estate?
- Have I changed all my addresses and/or redirected my mail?

Resources

- [Tenancy Resources | Circle Green Community Legal](#)

7. SUPPORT

- Do I need any additional support when I Leave my housing?
- Who will support me when I am in my housing?
- What if I can't pay my bills? Who can help with this?
- What if I am having problems with my landlord/ real estate agent?
- Do I know where I can go for assistance?
- Who is in my Housing Support Circle?

Resources

- [Housing Pathway Planning Tool- Step by Step Visual – My housing Support Circle](#)