

Resource: Session 1 – Topics 3&4

Tenancy Needs and Wants Worksheet

Go through the worksheet to help you determine your tenancy needs and wants.

| Aspect | Things to think about | What do you want? |
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| Money | You should not pay more than about one third of your income on rent. If you pay more than this you may find it very difficult to meet other living costs. | How much do you want to pay? |
| Location | The location of a property affects the rental price. When thinking about location keep in mind access to public transport, access to work and school and access to support such as friends and family. | Where do you want to live? |
| Sharing | Consider the pros and cons of sharing. Who would you share with: friends or family? What would your criteria be for choosing a house mate? | Are you going to share? |
| Type of place | Think about what you need in a house, including: <i>Layout and design, garden or courtyard (do not forget you will then have to maintain it), how many bedrooms?</i> | What type of accommodation do you want to live in? |
| Other Important Issues | Are there other considerations like pets or access to public transport? Is the property suitable to accommodate any disabilities or health issues you might have? | What else is important for you? |

Are your needs and wants realistic?

- Can I afford the rent?
- Can I get to work/school when I need to?
- Can I easily see my friends/family/people that support me when I need it?
- Do I have the personal space I need?
- Will I be able to meet the obligations involved (i.e. no pets, or pool maintenance)?
- Can I afford the move in costs (bond, two weeks' rent, and utility connections)?