Wandsworth Borough Council - Housing and Regeneration Department

Documents we may need to see to support a homelessness application

If you have been offered an appointment with a housing options officer, you will need to provide evidence of eligibility, homelessness, income and priority need.

Please see the four lists below for documents needed depending on your circumstances.

1. Evidence of eligibilty

Nationality:	Documents required:
UK citizen	Passport or birth certificate
EEA (European national)	Passport or National ID card
	Proof that you are currently in employment or have been
	employed continuously for 12 months.
Other nationalities	Passport and relevant residence visa or home office
	documents

2. Evidence of homelessness

Reason for homelessness:	Documents required:
Evicted from private	Tenancy agreement
rented accommodation	 Landlord notice (section 21 or section 8 notice)
	Court order for possession
	County Court Bailiff warrant or High Court Writ of possession
Evicted from council	Notice of seeking possession
property	Court order for possession
	County Court Bailiff warrant
Evicted by resident	Tenancy agreement
landlord	Written notice
Evicted from a property	Mortgage lender notice
you own	Order for possession
	County Court Bailiff warrant or High Court Writ of possession
Evicted by family or friends	The owner or tenant of the property you have been residing in
	must attend the office with you at your appointment for an
	interview and provide their:
	Photograph ID and
	proof of tenancy or home ownership details
	Please note that a phone call or letter is not sufficient evidence. If
	they are unable to attend we will arrange a home visit
Discharged from	
hospital/prison/HM	Discharge documents
Armed Forces	
It is not safe for you to	 Court Injunction or non molestation order
remain in your home	Crime reference numbers
because of violence	Refuge discharge documents
	If you do not have any of the above supporting documentation we
	may require you to complete a personal statement of your
	circumstances

Cannot return home due to emergency such as fire, flood	Report issued by the emergency services
Environmental or	
emergency services have deemed your home unsafe	 Report issued by the emergency services or environmental health services

3. Evidence of income

Circumstance:	Documents required:
All applicants	 6 months bank statements for each account, for each adult household member
	Evidence of any benefits
If you are employed	3 months wage slips
If you are self-	If you are self-employed: Tax returns to HM Revenue and
employed	Customs if you are self employed

4. Evidence of Priority Need

Whilst we will not consider issues around your priority need during the initial stages of our work with you, it is useful if you could provide us with this information when we interview you. This will help us to consider what options may be suitable for you and your household.

Reason for priority	Documents required:
need:	
You have dependant	Children's full birth certificates or guardianship documents
children	 Evidence of shared custody arrangements (if applicable)
You are pregnant (first	A letter from your GP
12 weeks)	
You are pregnant	Your maternity book
(after 12 weeks)	
You are a care leaver	 We need to know the borough you were looked after in
	Evidence of your care leavers plan
You have medical	Evidence of your medical condition (physical or mental
needs	health).
	 A medical assessment form (we will provide you with this)
You are vulnerable due	Crime reference numbers
to violence	Injunctions
	MARAC referrals
	If you are unable to provide these we will sensitively ask you to
	provide a personal statement of your circumstances
You are	Your probation officer will need to provide us with your
institutionalised as a	risk assessment
result of prison service	offending history
You have served in the	Evidence of the length of your service
Armed Forces	Medical Evidence from MOD