

Category 1

- (i) Have been permanently resident for at least the last twelve (12) months within the Borough of Boston
- (ii) Applicants have family Members who are resident within the Borough of Boston. Resident family Members are defined as parents, adult children or brothers or sisters who have lived in the Borough of Boston continuously for the last five (5) years
- (iii) Have previously lived for a continuous period of twelve (12) months (whilst aged 18 or over) in the last five (5) years within the Borough of Boston
- (iv) Applicants work for 32 hours or more per week for a continuous period of twelve (12) months within the Borough of Boston
- (v) Those who are currently serving in the regular forces or who were serving in the regular forces at any time in the five (5) years preceding their application for housing
- (vi) Bereaved spouse or civil partners of those serving in the regular forces where the bereaved spouse or civil partner has recently ceased, or will cease to be entitled to reside in Ministry of Defence accommodation following the death of their service spouse or civil partner, and the death was wholly or partly attributable to their service
- (vii) Existing or former Members of the reserve forces who are suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability which is wholly or partly attributable to their service
- (viii) Applicants will be deemed to have a local connection if the Council accepts or would owe a full homelessness duty to them

For the avoidance of doubt an applicant needs to satisfy one of the above criteria to have a local connection. The timescales set out above may be relaxed by agreement with the Council to ensure that households with a potential local connection are considered before proceeding to Category 2. The Choice Based Lettings Provider reserves the right to amend the above Category in line with any futures charge to the Choice Based Lettings Scheme Policy framework