

Applying for membership of the Association

Background

New Gorbals Housing Association is a charitable housing association, our areas of operation are the Gorbals, Hutchesontown and Laurieston.

We welcome membership applications from all sections of the local community. To become a member, you must:

- Be aged 16 or over
- Live in our areas of operation

We are especially keen to encourage tenants and service users to become members. Other local residents who are not tenants or service users can also apply for membership.

As a member of the Association:

- You will be a lifetime shareholder (but there is no return on your £1 share)
- You can vote at annual or special general meetings of the Association's members, for example to elect the members of our Management Committee
- You can stand for election to the Management Committee yourself, or nominate other members for election

Sending your application

Please send your completed application form with £1.00 to the address shown on the form.

- We only accept **applications from individuals**. We will not accept bulk applications from organised groups
- Please **use the form we send you** rather than a photocopy. This helps us make sure your application is valid
- Remember to fill in our **equal opportunities form** too, and return this with your membership application

What happens next?

- Applications will be considered at the next meeting of the Management Committee, or as soon as possible after that
- The Committee has authority to approve or reject applications or to seek more information if it thinks this is necessary

If your application is approved

- You will become a member with immediate effect, and your name will be entered in the Register of Members
- We will send you a copy of the Association's Rules and your Membership Certificate

Keep your membership up to date

Our Rules say that membership can be ended in the following circumstances:

- You do not tell us if you change address (unless you are a New Gorbals tenant)
- You do not attend 5 annual general meetings in a row (or send in apologies, or appoint somebody else to attend on your behalf at a general meeting)

Please remember to follow these rules, to make sure you stay a member.

