



Kildare County Council, the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) section within the Housing Department, has initiated a new online Application Portal for citizens who are eligible for Social Housing and wish to apply for HAP.

We are delighted to launch the new online application process for HAP. This is only necessary for new applicants. Those who have already applied do not have to apply again. We believe that the new online portal will make the application process more efficient and easier for all.

HAP is a financial support to assist those who rent accommodation privately, who are eligible for social housing support. Any person who is entitled to Social Housing and wants to apply for HAP will be able to do so online.

An online application ensures that all necessary information is submitted at the time of the application including all necessary documentation. As a result, applications and documents will be dealt with in a timely and efficient manner.

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a social housing support for those in need of long-term housing.

Am I eligible to apply?

Persons applying for HAP must be a qualified housing applicant(s) before they can apply.

How it works

If you qualify as an approved housing applicant, you must find your own privately rented accommodation (within certain rent limits). The landlord will be paid directly by the Local Authority and the tenant will pay rent to the local authority based on the differential rent scheme. The rent will be based on your weekly household income and works in the same way that the differential rents charged to local authority houses work.

Applicants for HAP must be on their Local Authority's Housing waiting list before they can complete the online application form – a valid Social Housing number is required for the application.

Please note the following advice in relation to HAP tenancies:

- Make sure you are on Kildare County Council's housing list.
- Make sure your family details are up to date on your Social Housing file.
- You must provide evidence of all income for eligible family members.
- You must provide evidence from school/college for all children over 18 who are still in full-time education.

- All HAP applicants need to provide their landlords email address to complete their section of the application successfully.
- Landlord's must provide proof of ownership and a bank header for all HAP applications. Details of both documents can be found in the HAP section on Kildare County Council's website.

The link to Kildare's online HAP portal and all HAP FAQ's can be found at:

<https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/Housing/HAP/OnlineHAPPortal/>

Please note that applications for HAP can still be made using a hardcopy of the application. Should you wish to do so, please request a HAP application pack from the HAP team by contacting them on:

Phone: 045-980818

Email: hap@kildarecoco.ie

Once complete, you can post your application to:

Kildare County Council,
Housing Department, HAP Section,
Devoy Park,
Naas,
Co Kildare
W91 X77F