

## Fast-tracking for households with a specified child or young person in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989

This page outlines the qualifying criteria and process to follow for manually fast-tracking households whose current accommodation is preventing a child who is in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act from coming into their care.

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### Overview

In 2018 the Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee agreed to introduce a new pathway to the existing public housing fast-track to include households with a specified child or young person in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989.

Whether the fast-track policy should be applied will generally be checked automatically when a household applies for and is eligible to social housing.

If households have a child or children that meet the criteria outlined below, they will be fast-tracked either by the MSD system or manually.

As with the fast-track for rheumatic fever, if the household meets all criteria they will be fast-tracked for the next available suitable property, regardless of their priority rating.

Where households have the same fast-track status, the application with a higher priority rating is ranked higher. In cases where applications have either fast-tracks, the same housing need, and identical priority ratings, the application that has been on the register the longest is ranked highest.

[Refer here for further information on the fast-track for Oranga Tamariki \[http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/specified-child-or-young-person-in-custody-under-the-oranga-tamariki-act-or-approved-permanent-care.html\]](http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/specified-child-or-young-person-in-custody-under-the-oranga-tamariki-act-or-approved-permanent-care.html)

[Refer here for information on the fast-track process for rheumatic fever. \[http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/rheumatic-fever.html\]](http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/rheumatic-fever.html)

### Criteria

Generally, for an application to be fast-tracked, applicants must be eligible for social housing and the household must:

include a specified child or young person in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 where the child's placement is, or is intended to be for 12 months or longer or permanent; or,

include a specified child or young person who they receive an Orphan's or Unsupported Child's Benefit for or who they have indicated they receive a Foster Carer's Allowance from Oranga Tamariki for.

Households meeting the above criteria will be identified through information sharing with Oranga Tamariki and the fast-track will be added using automated processes.

An application can also be fast-tracked for applicants eligible for social housing if:

the household's current accommodation is preventing a specified child or young person in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 from coming into their care; and

the care arrangement is intended to be for 12 months or longer or permanent. These clients will self-identify to MSD by supplying a letter from Oranga Tamariki or other social services agency that confirms that they want to place the child with the client and the care arrangement is intended to be for 12 months or longer. Where all the criteria are met, staff will need to manually add the fast-track indicator in these cases.

[Refer to MAP for more information on the criteria \[http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/specified-child-or-young-person-in-custody-under-the-oranga-tamariki-act-or-approved-permanent-care.html\]](http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/specified-child-or-young-person-in-custody-under-the-oranga-tamariki-act-or-approved-permanent-care.html)

[Refer to MAP for more information on 'Specified Child or Young Person' \[http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/specified-child-or-young-person.html\]](http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/specified-child-or-young-person.html)

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These social services are:

Open Home Foundation  
Barnardos  
Dingwall Trust

[Refer to MAP for further information on the social services \[http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/iwi-social-services-cultural-social-services-and-family-support-services.html\]](http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/iwi-social-services-cultural-social-services-and-family-support-services.html)

## Automated Process

Generally, the fast-track criteria is automatically checked when a household applies for social housing. Information is exchanged between MSD and Oranga Tamariki who will confirm if the fast-track policy should apply.

However, manual actions are required when:

the system cannot automatically complete fast-track actions, or

a client presents a written statement for a specified child or young person in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989.

Actions relating to housing fast-tracks are now detailed in a new 'Fast-track History' screen.

[Click here to see information on the Fast-track History screen. \[http://doogle/images/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/fast-track-history.png\]](http://doogle/images/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/fast-track-history.png)

## Manual Processes

[When a client provides a fast-track letter during their housing assessment. \[http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/fast-track-letter-provided-at-housing-assessment.html\]](http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/fast-track-letter-provided-at-housing-assessment.html)

[When a client on the social housing registers provides their fast-track letter. \[http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/fast-track-letter-provided-while-on-register.html\]](http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/fast-track-letter-provided-while-on-register.html)

[When the fast-track policy ends. \[http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/when-fast-track-ends.html\]](http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/when-fast-track-ends.html)

[Where a household is fast-tracked and the only child in the household that is in receipt of UCB/OB leaves care unexpectedly. \[http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/obucb-for-an-only-child-who-leaves-care-unexpectedly.html\]](http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/obucb-for-an-only-child-who-leaves-care-unexpectedly.html)

[Fast-track policy ends when a FCA child turns 18. \[http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/fast-track-policy-ends-when-a-fca-child-turns-18.html\]](http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/fast-track-policy-ends-when-a-fca-child-turns-18.html)

[When the fast-track for Oranga Tamariki cannot be applied due to 'in edit' Housing Override evidence. \[http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/fast-track-for-oranga-tamariki-cannot-be-applied.html\]](http://doogle/resources/helping-clients/procedures-manuals/social-housing/screening-and-assessment/fast-track-for-oranga-tamariki-cannot-be-applied.html)

## Fast-track reviews and appeals

An applicant has the right to ask MSD for a review if they disagree with a decision relating to the assessment of their eligibility for social housing.

However, there is no right to appeal a decision relating to the application of fast-track.

In these cases, we need to understand why the client disagrees and should reconsider the original decision.

Where the client disagrees with the information from Oranga Tamariki, iwi social service, a cultural social service, or a child and family support, the client should be directed to discuss this information with the agency that provided the information.

There is no right to review to a Benefit Review Committee or the Social Security Appeal Authority for fast-tracking.

[Refer to MAP for more information on reviews and appeals \[http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/fast-track-no-longer-applies.html\]](http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/fast-track-no-longer-applies.html)

## For More Information

[Fast-track provision \[http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/fast-track-provision.html\]](http://doogle/map/social-housing/assessment-of-eligibility/fast-track-provision.html)

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## Specified child or young person in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act or approved permanent care

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Stable housing is a priority for children or young people in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 or in an approved permanent care arrangement.

Households with these children or young people may be fast-tracked for social housing.

This applies when clients meet the following criteria:

- the household must be eligible for social housing
- the household must include a specified child or young person who is in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 or in an approved permanent care arrangement
- the child's placement in the household is, or is intended to be for 12 months or longer, or is permanent **and**
- placing the household into social housing is needed to help meet the needs of the child, including stability of care

### When is fast-track applied?

Generally, the criteria for fast-track will be automatically checked when a household applies for social housing. There is a different process for households on the register.

### Currently preventing a child coming into care

An application can also be fast-tracked if the:

- household is eligible for social housing
- the household's current accommodation is preventing a specified child or young person in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 from coming into their care **and**
- the care arrangement is intended to be for 12 months or longer, or is permanent

The client will generally provide a written statement to verify they meet the criteria for fast-track.

### Child placed with a parent

Fast-track does not apply when a specified child or young person in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 or in an approved permanent care arrangement is or will be placed with one or both parent(s).

### For more information see:

- [Fast-track provision](#)
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## Specified child or young person

A specified child or young person is under 18 years old and is in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act or in an approved permanent care arrangement.

This is a child or young person who is:

- in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 (including sole guardianship) of:
  - the Chief Executive of Oranga Tamariki
  - an Iwi social service
  - a cultural social service or
  - a child and family support service

or

- is in the care of a person getting Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit for them and was previously in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989 (including sole guardianship) of:
  - the Chief Executive of Oranga Tamariki
  - an Iwi social service
  - a cultural social service or
  - a child and family support service

This includes a child or young person being cared for by someone who is an applicant for social housing, or a tenant or an additional occupant in the household.

### Young person over 18 years

A specified child or young person also includes a person after they turn 18 years old until the end of the school year in which they turned 18 when:

- the carer continues to get an Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit for the child or young person
- the child or young person is financially dependent on the carer **and**
- the child or young person is attending school or tertiary study (including by correspondence)

For more information see:

- Fast-track provision

- Specified child or young person in custody under the Oranga Tamariki Act or approved permanent care
- Iwi social services, cultural social services and family support services

## Legislation

- Custody of child or young person pending determination of proceedings or in urgent cases section 78 Oranga Tamariki Act 1989
  - Custody orders section 101 Oranga Tamariki Act 1989
  - Guardianship orders section 110(2)(a) Oranga Tamariki Act 1989
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