

First Homes - Halton Eligibility Criteria July 2024

'First Homes' is a national government initiative to prioritise housing for local people and key workers in an area, in this case Halton.

Government guidance can be found here:

[First Homes scheme: first-time buyer's guide: Overview-GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/first-homes-scheme-first-time-buyers-guide)

[First Homes scheme: first-time buyer's guide: Selling the property-GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/first-homes-scheme-first-time-buyers-guide-selling-the-property)

CRITERIA	DETAIL	COMMENT	EXAMPLES OF PROOF	CRITERIA MET (Y/N)
National	First time buyer	Joint applicants, both needs to meet this criteria		
National	Gross income less than £80k	Joint income must be below cap of £80k	P60 for last year plus wage slip. Joint income is the total of what you all earned in the previous tax year	
National	Age 18 or over			
National	Be able to get a mortgage for at least half the price of the home			
OR				
Local eligibility criteria	Local connection	Applicant (one in the case of joint) must meet one or more of the local connection criteria	See 'Local connection A - D below'	
OR				
Local eligibility criteria	British Armed Service Member - Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines	Or ex member of no longer than 5 years. Also includes civil partners/spouses, an ex spouses/partners	Warrant card. Letter from commanding officer.	
OR				
Key worker	Employed in Halton public sector for 12 months. Job offer in: local government, health & social care; education & childcare; public safety & nat. security in Halton	Public sector means the directly employed staff of publicly funded organisations that deliver public services	Wage slips for 12 months or letter from employer on official letterhead giving period employment	
OR				
Local connection (A)	Halton resident for a continuous period of not less than 24 consecutive months		Council tax bills, tenancy agreement, named on utility bill, bank statement, mobile phone contract	
Local connection (B)	Parent/child family association to a current Halton resident		Evidence of parent or child residing in Halton (council tax bills). Supporting explanatory statement of association	
Local connection (C)	Requirement to live in Halton due to employment as a key worker	Must meet key worker definition above	Evidence of requirement to live in Halton plus proof of key worker status	
Local connection (D)	A past resident of Halton who has previously lived in the Borough for 5 years or more		Council tax bills, tenancy agreement, named on utility bill, bank statement, mobile phone contract	