

The Housing Executive awards **20** points for each primary social need. You can only be given points in **two** of these categories.

You (or a member of your household) have been attacked in your home

You will get **20** points if you have suffered domestic abuse or child abuse as well as racial, sectarian or paramilitary violence. If you have been awarded the 200 intimidation points you should get the 20 points as well.

The Housing Executive will usually look for evidence from the police or another agency before awarding you the points. The Housing Executive should carry out a homelessness assessment.

You (or a member of your household) have been harassed

You will get **20** points if you have suffered harassment because of your race, religion, sexual orientation or another reason.

The Housing Executive will usually look for evidence from the police or another agency before awarding you the points.

You (or a member of your household) are afraid to stay in your home because of a threat of violence

You will get **20** points if you can prove that you are at risk of violence if you stay in your home.

The Housing Executive will usually look for evidence from the police or another agency before awarding you the points.

A traumatic event has recently occurred in your home

You will get **20** points if a traumatic event has happened in your home in the last 12 months. For example, you witnessed a murder or suicide, you were a victim of a sexual assault or you were a victim of a physical assault. You can also get the 20 points if the traumatic event happened near your home.

You need rehoused to stop you (or a member of your household) being placed in care

You will get **20** points if you have written confirmation from social services that you (or a member of your household) need to be rehoused.

You need rehoused to allow you (or a member of your household) to start or continue to foster

You will get **20** points if you have written confirmation from social services that you (or a member of your household) need to be rehoused.

You have to live apart from your children because your accommodation would be overcrowded if you all lived together

You will only get **20** points if your children are under 16 (under 19 if they are in full time education) and your family has to live apart because of overcrowding or family quarrels caused by the unsuitable accommodation.

You will not be given these points if you have been given 10 points for overcrowding in the 'Housing conditions' test.

You are in urgent social need

The Housing Executive can give you **20** points if your circumstances are not covered by the primary social need categories.

The Housing Executive will only give you the points if you are in 'urgent social need'. The Housing Executive decides what 'urgent social need' is.