

Annex A: Background of Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme (PPHS)

On 31 January 2013, HDB launched 1,150 flats for application under the Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme (PPHS) to provide temporary housing for first-timer married couples with children below 16 years old while they await completion of their new HDB flats.

2 To benefit more families, the PPHS was extended in April 2013 to all first-timer married couples who are awaiting the completion of their Build-To-Order (BTO) or Sale of Balance Flats (SBF) flats, including those without children.

3 In September 2013, the scheme was further refined, with three key changes:

- Married couples, comprising a first-timer and a second-timer; and divorced or widowed parents with children, are now eligible to apply.
- All eligible families are able to apply for PPHS flats any time, without waiting for periodic launches.
- Engaged couples are able to apply for PPHS in advance, while they wait to register their marriage. They must produce their Marriage Certificate within three months of taking possession of the PPHS flat.

Eligibility Conditions

4 To be eligible for PPHS, the applicant must:

- Form a family nucleus as a married couple or fiancé-fiancée couple (both are first-timers, or one is a first-timer and the other a second-timer), or a divorced or widowed parent with children, who has booked an uncompleted flat offered in a BTO or SBF exercise. Fiancé-Fiancée couples must submit their Marriage Certificate within three months of taking possession of the PPHS flat;
- Be a Singapore Citizen and there is one other Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident in the family nucleus; and
- Not be owners of an existing HDB flat, unless they are co-owners of the existing flat with other family members and undertake to relinquish their ownership in the existing flat within six months of taking possession of the PPHS flat.