



Important Information for People living in shared Open Market Part A housing looking to move house before 3 April 2017

From 3 April 2017, the rules about who can live in Open Market Part A housing are changing.

This information is important if you live in shared Open Market Part A housing and want to continue to live in shared Open Market housing in the future. If you don't understand this information or what it means for you, we can help. You can call us: 715790; come and see us at Sir Charles Frossard House; or email us: housingcontrol@gov.gg

You might also find this information helpful if you own Open Market Part D housing or are a professional who advises people about shared Open Market Part A and Part D housing.

People living in Part A housing that will transfer to Part D on 3 April 2017

Some Part A housing can become Part D housing under the new rules that will come in on 3 April 2017. Your landlord will be able to show you a certificate if this can happen to the house you live in.

If you are living in this type of housing **and** you will have lived in Guernsey for more than five consecutive years on 3 April 2017, you will be able to live in any Part D housing for as long as you want to. We call this having Open Market Part D '*grandfather*' rights.

People living in shared Part A housing that will **not** transfer to Part D

Not all shared Open Market Part A housing will be able to transfer to Part D. This is either because it has not been used as shared housing at the right times in the past, or because the owner has chosen not to use it as shared housing in the future.

There are some houses that are currently classified as Open Market Part D, but most tenants and lodgers can't live in this housing now unless they have a housing licence or are qualified residents.

If you currently live in Open Market Part A housing and you're trying to find new shared Open Market housing to move into, from 1 January 2017 onwards we will be able to give you a temporary housing licence to let you move into Open Market Part D housing before the Law changes on 3 April 2017. Because this licence will run out after 3 April 2017, the rules will have then changed and you will be able to apply for a new Permit because you will be living in shared Open Market Part D housing.

If you have lived in Guernsey for more than 5 consecutive years on 3 April 2017, we know that you might be worried because you won't be able to get Part D '*grandfather*' rights. But we have now agreed that as long as you move into Open Market Part D housing straight from shared Open Market Part A housing between 1 January 2017 and 2 April 2017, we will give you a Permit that means you can stay in any Part D housing for as long as you want to. So, you can be treated exactly the same as a person with Part D '*grandfather*' rights.

If this applies to you, you can ask us for a letter confirming that your situation fits this agreement, so that you can be sure that you will be allowed to move into Part D housing between 1 January 2017 and 3 April 2017.

If you are a landlord or letting agent, you might want to contact us on behalf of your tenants, so they don't all need to get in touch with us separately.