



FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED POLICY

For the prioritisation of eligible Older Persons Shared Ownership applicants

McCarthy & Stone (Shared Ownership) Limited (referred to going forward as 'McCarthy Stone') consider all Older Persons Shared Ownership (OPSO) applications received in an impartial, equitable and consistent manner in accordance with Homes England's guidance. McCarthy Stone ensures that no applicant is disadvantaged in their interpretation and application of the guidance. The ultimate responsibility for a decision on whether to accept an application rests with McCarthy Stone.

McCarthy Stone will consider applicants on a first come, first served basis.

The Government has identified specific exceptions to the above and for McCarthy Stone those that apply are (1) serving military personnel or former members of the British Armed Forces discharged in the last two years and (2) applicants who have a local connection with homes on National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Beauty and rural exception sites.

Eligibility requirements for military personnel

Ministry of Defence personnel will be prioritised for Shared Ownership schemes where:

- They meet the age requirements
- They have completed their basic (phase 1) training and they are one of the following:
 - Regular service personnel (including Navy, Army and Air Force)
 - Clinical staff (with the exception of doctors and dentists)
 - Ministry of Defence Police Officers
 - Uniformed staff in the Defence Fire Service
 - they are ex-regular service personnel who have served in the Armed Forces for a minimum of six years, and can produce a Discharge Certificate (or similar documentation) as proof, where they apply within two years (24 months) of the date of discharge from service or
 - they are the surviving partners of regular service personnel who have died in service, where they apply within two years (24 months) of the date of being bereaved. Read about surviving partners in the [MOD surviving partners guidance](#).

Where there are multiple applicants at the same time for the same Shared Ownership Home, applicants who meet the eligibility requirements for military personnel and/or those who have a local connection to a home on National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Beauty and rural exception sites will be prioritised above other applicants until the point of a reservation being made.