
CLERGY HOUSING ALLOWANCE GUIDELINE 2011

- 1) The default position is that housing will be provided for all full time clergy regardless of whether they are serving in a Parish or in a full time role directly funded by the Synod. Such housing shall be subject to the Guidelines for Diocesan Housing and Regulation for Tenancy of Rectories 2008
- 2) Where a house is provided it is expected that the member of the clergy will reside in it.
- 3) The Bishop and Diocesan Council may give approval for a clergyman not to live in a Diocese or Parish provided residence and where the member of the clergy is serving in a parish, a panel consisting of the Parish Council and the Archdeacon of The Murray shall assist the Bishop and Diocesan Council in making the determination.
- 4) Where approval has been given for a member of the clergy to live in their own housing, the clergy member:
 - i. will be entitled to receive reimbursement for Power, Gas, Telephone and Internet connection.
 - ii. may be entitled to a tax exempt housing allowance **only** if there is no suitable accommodation provided.
- 5) The weekly housing allowance is to be set annually at 100% of the median price of the rental of a 3 bedroom house for the respective area concerned as published by the Real Estate Institute.
- 6) The Diocesan Council shall ensure the housing allowance is reviewed each year in conjunction with the review of Stipends and other allowances.
- 7) Where approval is given for a member of the clergy not to reside in provided housing owned by the Synod it is expected that property will be retained.
- 8) Permission for parochial clergy living outside the Rectory expires upon retirement or departing the Parish and does not automatically extend to any new parochial clergy.