



National Housing Training &
Development Programme

NHTDP 2017

Social Housing Fundamentals for Approved Housing Bodies

This is a two-day training course for staff in Approved Housing Bodies [AHBs] involved in the provision of housing services. The course is designed for new staff and for those requiring an update on the latest developments in housing.

The two-day course is divided into four sessions. On the first day there are two sessions providing the context for the work in the housing area. The first session deals with an overview of the policy framework for social housing. In the second session there is a briefing on the current state of the housing market in Ireland and on how this may impact on the supply of and demand for social housing.

Day two of the course concentrates on the regulatory environment. The first session examines the legislative framework within which social housing is provided. The second session sets out the regulatory requirements that govern the operation of AHBs.

Fees and Application

The cost of the course is €350 for the two days.
Booking can be done online on the IPA website - www.ipa.ie

TWO-DAY PROGRAMME



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Dates and Venue

To be confirmed for 2017
IPA, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, D04TC62

Day 1

Session 1: Policy Context
Session 2: The Housing Market

Day 2

Session 3: Housing Legislation
Session 4: Housing Regulation

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Complete Impact Assessment Test

To complete the course, participants will be given an Impact Assessment Test. This is an online multi-choice test of the participants' assimilation of the information provided during the course. It normally takes place about two weeks after the course and can be undertaken a number of times if necessary.

Session 1: Policy Context

The activities of AHBs do not take place in a vacuum. There is a policy context within which decisions are made and services provided. AHBs have to deal closely with Housing Authorities and it is important to understand how they operate. Session 1 will look at the objectives of housing policies and how these affect the day-to-day work of those responsible for providing social housing.

Session 2: The Housing Market

The vision underlying the *Social Housing Strategy 2020* is that every household in Ireland 'has access to secure, good-quality housing suited to their needs, at an affordable price in a sustainable community.' Housing Authorities are charged, *inter alia*, with providing social and affordable housing for those unable to afford the cost of housing on the open market. But the provision of social housing is an integral part of this wider housing market. Housing practitioners need to understand how this market operates and what trends are emerging. Session 2 focuses on the housing market - private rental and for sale - and how it interacts with the work of social housing landlords.

Session 3: Housing Legislation

It is important for housing practitioners to have a good grasp of the regulatory basis that underlies the sector. The legislation provides the enabling powers for Housing Authorities and AHBs and governs the interaction between them. The *Housing Acts 1966 - 2014* provide the main corpus of legislation that has to be dealt with, but aspects of Local Government and Planning Law are also important. Session 3 deals with an introduction to the regulatory framework that underpins the activities of AHBs, including its responsibilities under Residential Tenancies legislation.

Session 4: Regulation of AHBs

The final session looks at the evolving regulatory regime as it applies to AHBs. Currently a voluntary code, the stated intention of Government is to give this statutory backing in the near future. The regulations will cover, *inter alia*, matters of governance, financial management and consumer protection.

Schedule of other NHTDP Training Courses

Details of other housing training courses can be obtained via the website of the organisation delivering the course, or the National Housing Training and Development Programme website – www.nhtdp.ie [under development]

Course Details

The course will take place at 9.30am – 5.00pm both days with registration from 9.15am on day one. Tea/Coffee and Lunch will be provided. Participants will receive course documentation on each of the days.