

## The Application Process

Applications for private rental brokerage can be made by case managers working with a young person who is aiming to secure private rental accommodation. Applications can occur before a young person has begun to apply for private rental properties.

Applications can be obtained by visiting [www.vinnies.org.au/prb](http://www.vinnies.org.au/prb) or phoning 9321 2912. The worker guide is required to complete PRB Program applications and this can be obtained from the PRB Program website.

The PRBP Coordinator will notify case workers of the outcome of the application for brokerage products and support will be offered around unsuccessful applications.

## Further Information

- All information obtained is subject to Victorian privacy legislation and SVDP ACSS policy and procedures.
- All brokerage products are subject to an acquittal process and unspent brokerage will be returned to the Private Rental Brokerage Program.

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## What is the Private Rental Brokerage Program?

The Private Rental Brokerage Program (PRB Program) is a part of the Victorian Government's statewide Creating Connections Program. As a part of Creating Connections in the North West Metropolitan Region of Melbourne the PRB Program aims to link homeless young people to the private rental market. It does this by providing flexible brokerage packages to young people and providing assistance and support to youth homeless service providers and case managers.

The PRB Program aims to work collaboratively with existing youth homelessness services and real estate agents to achieve sustainable private rental outcomes for young people experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness.

Along with providing brokerage packages, the PRBP can assist workers and clients with secondary consultation around entering the private rental market, applying for private rental and liaising with real estate agents.

Another component of the PRBP is the collection and publication of rental cost information to assist young people locate an appropriate area to target for private rental.

## Who is Eligible for Private Rental Brokerage

### Basic Criteria for the PRBP:

- Young people aged 18 to 25 years;
- Who are homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- Receiving ongoing case management support by a participating support agency in the North West Metropolitan Region of Melbourne;
- Receiving a stable income whether it is Centrelink benefits or wages;
- Committed to establishing private rental as a long term housing option
- Aware of their rights and responsibilities as a private renter
- Capable of sustaining a private rental agreement beyond the period of assistance from brokerage funding.

## SVDP Community Services

St Vincent De Paul Aged Care and Community Services (SVDP ACCS) is a leading provider of services in the area of homelessness, housing, aged care, disability and employment services.

The core business of SVDP ACCS is to better understand the needs of disadvantaged people and to provide services and opportunities that enhance their quality of life.

### SVDP aims to be:

- A leading provider of community services
- A key partner in the established network of service providers
- A credible and reflective advocate for disadvantaged and marginalized people
- A dynamic influence for improvement in the community welfare sector

**The PRB Program is a North and West Metropolitan Region Initiative overseen by Berry Street, Crossroads Salvation Army, Melton Housing, Metrowest Housing Services, St Vincent De Paul ACCS, Sunshine Youth Accommodation and Women's Housing Ltd.**



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