

Homes for refurbishment



Home ownership opportunities

Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities is delivering thousands of new public homes across New Zealand. We aim to increase the supply and choice of housing types, from standalone homes to terraced housing and apartments, while supporting the creation of connected communities.

Part of our development work involves removing older houses so we can deliver new homes, which make better use of land. For several years, Kāinga Ora has been transporting existing public houses from development areas and providing them to iwi and whānau for refurbishment.

The relocation programme provides housing options for people with access to land, while enabling quality public homes to have an extension of life.

Making good use of older homes

In New Zealand, construction and demolition waste makes up 40 - 50% of all waste sent to landfill. Our waste minimisation programme

plays a significant role in helping Kāinga Ora meet its goals for improving sustainability practices under its Environment Strategy. In 2021, Kāinga Ora expanded the relocation programme to cover at least 7% of public houses removed from development areas nationally.

Through our deconstruction and demolition programmes, we also aim to reuse and recycle at least 80% of uncontaminated waste in Auckland and Northland development areas. In other regions, our target is to reuse or recycle at least 60% of uncontaminated waste, rather than sending it to landfill.

Priority groups for the relocation programme

Kāinga Ora offers houses for relocation to:

- Māori
- Community Housing Providers
- Non-Governmental Organisations
- Private sector groups

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Types of houses that can be relocated

Existing Kāinga Ora homes which are considered for relocation typically include houses which are in good general condition, with timber pile foundations, weatherboard cladding and a low roof pitch.

Certain houses can't be relocated, including those which contain contaminants such as lead paint or asbestos. Other reasons why a house may be unsuitable for relocation include limited access for moving trucks, or because of construction type or the size of a house.

Relocation process

Kāinga Ora will sell the house to priority groups for \$1 and will provide some financial assistance towards transport costs. The exception to this is private groups who will pay market value for the house and cover any transport costs themselves.

The purchaser must have suitable whenua (land) for the house to be moved to. They will also need to have the funds to refurbish the house and ensure they contact the local council in advance to apply for the relevant consent(s).

Once onsite, the house will have to be connected to basic services and infrastructure, which need to be in place before the move.

Kāinga Whenua Loan Scheme

This is an initiative between Kāinga Ora and Kiwibank to help Māori whānau build or relocate houses and achieve home ownership on their multiple-owned land.

For more information, go to kaingaora.govt.nz/kainga-whenua

Expressions of interest

If you think you might be eligible for the relocation programme, you can register your interest by filling in the form at kaingaora.govt.nz/relocation



If you have any queries about the relocation programme, please email: relocationenquiries@kaingaora.govt.nz