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APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO DEFENCE LOCATIONS

City to Liverpool	40kms
City to Glenbrook	60kms
City to Richmond	62kms
Richmond to Liverpool	53kms
Richmond to Glenbrook	33kms
Glenbrook to Liverpool	50kms

Sydney is Australia's largest city and provides many options for living and recreation. Please take care when selecting your housing location as travel across the city and suburbs may take 90 minutes or more by car and significantly longer by public transport.

The following websites have further information on living in Sydney:

- › [Defence Housing Australia](#)
- › [Department of State and Regional Development](#)

Finding a property

Sydney consists of four Defence rental areas:

- › **Sydney Central** which includes the City and suburbs up to 30km from your base location.
- › **Liverpool** is located to the south west of Sydney and includes surrounding suburbs to 30 km.
- › **Glenbrook** is located in the Lower Blue Mountains and includes surrounding suburbs to 30 km.
- › **Richmond** is in the north-west of Sydney and includes surrounding suburbs to 30 km.

IMPORTANT – Each of these localities has its own rent ceiling and you should discuss this with your relocations consultant before committing to housing or enrolling your children in schools.

The inner, eastern and northern suburbs are more expensive than the outer lying areas. The different rent ceilings take this into consideration, but selecting a rental property in these suburbs does not mean you will have an entitlement to a ceiling increase.

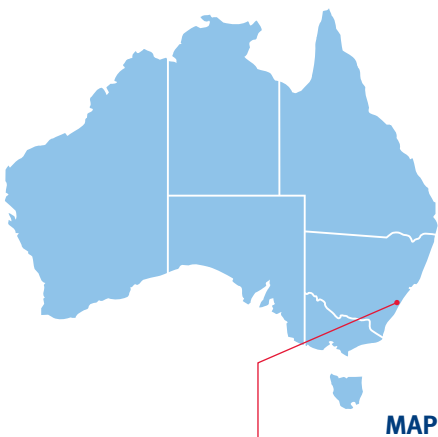
Many members find it difficult to secure housing due to the availability of properties, competitiveness of the market, lack of rental properties accepting pets, and the requirement to inspect the property before a tenancy application is accepted. **The Department of State and Regional Development** website may help with some of the rental issues specific to Sydney.

NOTE - Ceiling increases to cover any rent above the ceiling entitlement is not guaranteed, and must meet the requirements as set out in the Defence Pay and Conditions Manual (**PACMAN**). You should check your eligibility before submitting a request.

Townhouses and units

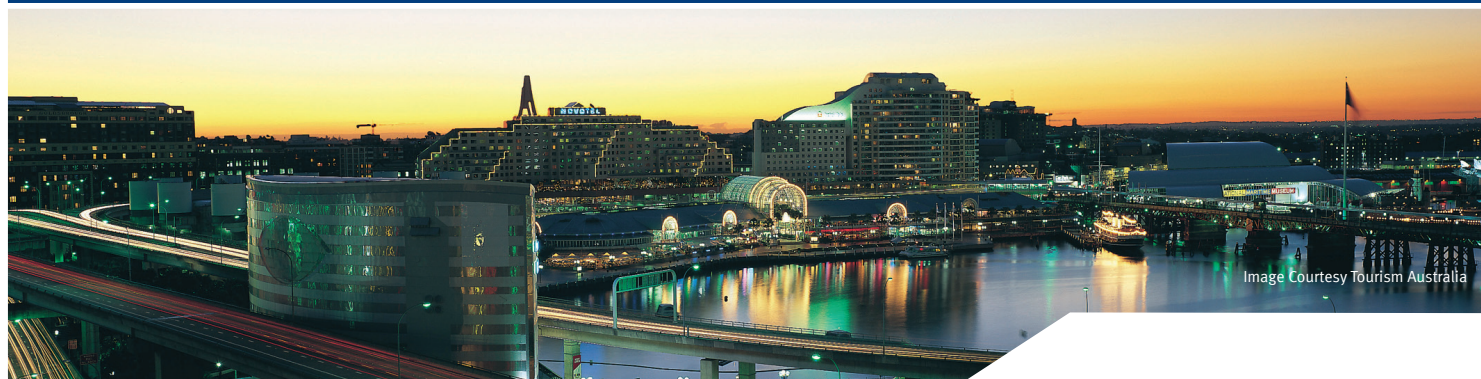
The eastern half of Sydney has a very high proportion of medium density dwellings (flats, units and townhouses), whereas the western suburbs have higher proportions of free-standing houses. Dwellings in the inner suburbs of the city are usually small with limited outdoor space compared to those found in other urban areas.

Townhouses and units are subject to Body Corporate rules. Please ask your landlord or real estate agent for details. The ability to keep pets in townhouses is limited and you should check with the landlord or real estate agent in regards to this. Dogs must also be registered. If you have a pet may find it easier to find a rental property in the outer suburbs.



MAP

A map of Sydney can be found on the [Defence Housing Australia \(DHA\) website](#) and [Google Maps](#)



House hunting trips

House hunting trips are subject to approval. If you wish to apply for a house hunting trip please refer to **PACMAN** for your entitlements or alternatively, contact DHA on **139 DHA (139 342)**.

Utilities

You will need to arrange your own utilities such as electricity, gas, pay TV, internet services or telephone. You should contact your local service providers, or you may like to take advantage of the free **Fast Connect** service, where they will arrange for the disconnection and reconnection of utilities on your behalf – you can contact them on **1300 661 464** (local call cost) or access the service via the **DHA** website.

Public transport

Sydney is Australia's largest city; it may take 90 minutes or more to cross by car and significantly longer by public transport. The following websites are good sources of information on public transport in Sydney:

> [NSW Transport Information](#)

> [Department of State and Regional Development](#)

Schools

Sydney has a wide range of public and private schools.

It is important that you decide on your housing arrangements before finalising schools. Remember that it may prove impossible to locate suitable housing in particular suburbs, and Defence does not regard a choice of school as grounds to limit your search for a property.

Visit the **Department of Education** website for information about NSW public schools.

The following websites have further information on private schools in NSW:

> [Association of Independent Schools of NSW](#)

> [Catholic Education Commission NSW](#)

> [Private Schools Guide](#)

Child care

There is a wide variety of child care providers in Sydney. Some useful contacts are:

> [Family Day Care Australia](#) **1800 621 218**

> [ABC Learning Centres](#) **1800 222 543**

> Child Care Access Hotline **1800 670 305**

> [Department of Defence Child Care Centres](#)

> [Australian Child Care Index](#)

Health care

The **Department of State and Regional Development** has comprehensive advice on health care.

Sport

For a complete list of sport, leisure and other social outlets see the **Department of State and Regional Development** website.

Water restrictions

Water restrictions apply in Sydney. For details, please see the **Sydney Water** website.

Public holidays

The **Department of State and Regional Development** website has a full list of public holidays.

Where can I find more information?

The **Defence Community Organisation (DCO)** website has frequently asked questions about housing and relocations.

DCO has also produced comprehensive welcome guides for the Sydney region:

> [Sydney guide](#) | > [Richmond guide](#) | > [Liverpool guide](#)

Other useful sources of information include:

> [Visit NSW](#)

> [SydneyAustralia.com](#)

> [Department of State and Regional Development](#)

Climate

Sydney experiences a temperate climate with four main seasons and members will notice significant differences from other parts of the country. The **Department of State and Regional Development** website has more information.

Contact DHA

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