

# Rental accommodation in the Western Australia region



## APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO DEFENCE LOCATIONS

Perth City to Bullsbrook — Pearce	44 kms
Perth City to Rockingham — Fleetbase West	47 kms
Perth City to Swanbourne — Campbell Barracks	10 kms

Western Australia is the country's largest state, and is home to approximately 1.5 million people. The capital city, Perth, is situated on the Swan River, and many social activities are planned around the river and the 80km of stunning beaches, which have fine white sand and sparkling blue water.

### Finding a property

There are rental properties scattered throughout all suburbs of Perth. All houses are located within the specified posting locality of each particular Base, and are relatively close to the city and other popular areas. Rental properties can be viewed online at [www.reiwa.com.au](http://www.reiwa.com.au).

Applications for rental properties are usually made in person. However, in the case of remote localities, applications may be negotiated at the discretion of the real estate agent.

**IMPORTANT** - Most localities (except some of the remote regions) have their own rent ceiling and you should discuss this with your relocations consultant before committing to housing and enrolling your children in schools. If you are in a remote locality with no rent ceiling, this will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and you should contact the Perth DHA office.

**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.

### Bullsbrook - Pearce

Located in the Chittering Valley, Bullsbrook is a rural setting only minutes from RAAF Base Pearce.

There are only a small number of private rentals available. Outer suburbs within the Pearce posting locality provide a diverse lifestyle to suit all families. However, proximity to beachside suburbs tends to drive the rental prices to the higher end of the property market. Local council websites you may find useful are:

- > [City of Swan](#)
- > [City of Joondalup](#)

### Rockingham - Fleetbase West

Rockingham is a relatively large city, it includes the suburbs of Secret Harbour, Port Kennedy and Baldivis and is 10-15 minute drive from HMAS Stirling. Rockingham is predominately a 'blue collar' area and has a medium to high level of rental properties available to suit all budgets.

- > [City of Rockingham](#)

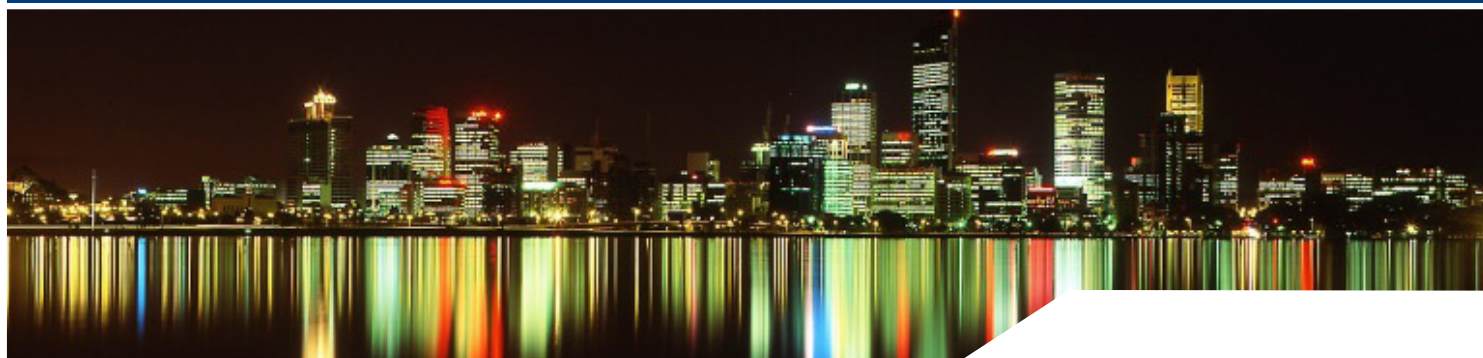


### MAP

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



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### Swanbourne - Campbell Barracks

A small Defence community, Swanbourne is located on the edge of Campbell Barracks and is affectionately known as 'Seaward Village'. Homes in the surrounding suburbs are much sought after due to the closeness of the inner city and the beach lifestyle. As a result, rental prices are higher than average.

For more information, visit the [City of Nedlands](#) website.

### Remote locations

These include Broome, Exmouth, Geraldton, Dampier, Karratha, Port Hedland, Bunbury and several others.

Due to the remoteness of these localities, the market value in these areas is greater than that in metropolitan areas. The prices are driven by mining and tourism. The general cost of living (food, fuel etc) is considerably high due to the remote location and freight costs associated with delivering these items.

**Broome** – Broome, often called the “Gateway to the Kimberleys” is situated 2,200km north of Perth. The town was founded as a pearling port over a century ago and as a result, has become a melting pot of many nationalities. The pearling industry still remains a vital part of Broome, proudly producing the world’s finest pearls. Beaches, including the famous Cable beach, are of pure white sand while the water is crystal clear turquoise. Some websites you may find useful are:

- > [Broome Visitor Information Centre](#)
- > [Shire of Broome](#)

**Exmouth** – Exmouth is located on the tip of the North West Cape in Western Australia, approximately 1,270km north of Perth. Due to its beauty, Exmouth has become an extremely popular tourist destination for people from all over the world.

Exmouth boasts a beautiful climate, excellent fishing and both a national park and marine national park; it’s a paradise for both land-based tourists as well as diving enthusiasts. Two websites you may find useful are:

- > [Shire of Exmouth](#)
- > [Exmouth Visitor Centre](#)

**Geraldton** – Geraldton is the fourth biggest city in Western Australia and is located 425km north of Perth. The unspoilt beaches in Geraldton have become a mecca for surfers, kitesurfers and lovers of other aquatic sports such as fishing and diving. More information can be found at:

- > [City of Geraldton-Greenough](#)
- > [Geraldton Visitor Centre](#)

**Dampier** - Dampier is a major industrial port in the north-west of Western Australia, 1,555km north of Perth and 15km from Karratha. The port services petrochemical, salt, iron ore and natural gas export industries. Dampier is a pretty settlement, with an offshore island chain that is home to whales, dugongs, turtles, coral and sponges. Useful websites include:

- > [The Dampier Port Authority](#)
- > [Tourism Western Australia](#)

**Karratha** - Karratha, 1557km north of Perth, was built in 1968 to service and accommodate workers mining iron ore in the Hamersley Ranges. Now the busy centre of the Pilbara district, Karratha is large and its facilities are modern. Nearby is the magnificent Millstream - Chichester National Park with its deep gorges and palm-fringed rock pools. More information can be found on the following websites:

- > [Karratha Visitor Centre](#)
- > [Shire of Roebourne](#)

**Port Hedland** - Port Hedland is the largest town in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, approximately 1,320km north of Perth. Since the 1960’s, Port Hedland has been the centre of a thriving iron-ore industry; its natural harbour handles the largest tonnage of any port in Australia. Its pristine beaches and mangroves are home to an abundance of fish and other wildlife.

- > [Port Hedland Council](#)

**Bunbury** – Bunbury is situated on a peninsula approximately 175km south of Perth. It is a cosmopolitan city, but still offers a relaxed, coastal lifestyle. The fishing, swimming beaches, warm climate and proximity to areas such as Margaret River make Bunbury a popular destination. The following websites are good sources of information on Bunbury:

- > [City of Bunbury](#)
- > [Bunbury Visitor Centre](#)

### Townhouses and units

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 you may find it easier to find a rental property in the outer suburbs.

### House hunting trips

House hunting trips are subject to approval. Members seeking 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

There is a very efficient public transport service within Perth, consisting of buses, trains, ferries and taxis. The **Transperth bus system** provides access to almost every suburb in the Perth metropolitan area. Getting around the Perth CBD is very easy and inexpensive, with the benefit of several free CAT (Central Area Transit) buses that shuttle frequently along popular routes around the city. The rail system is also very efficient, servicing most areas via six lines running from Armadale, Fremantle, Joondalup, Midland, Rockingham and Mandurah.

## Schools

Western Australia has a wide range of public and private schools. It is important that you decide on your housing arrangements before finalising schools as Defence does not regard choice of school as grounds to limit your search for a property. Please see the following websites for listings of schools in Western Australia:

- › [Department of Education](#)
- › [Private Schools Directory](#)

## Child care

There are a wide variety of day care centres, as well as family day care in Western Australia. Waiting lists may apply. Some useful contacts are:

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| › <a href="#">Family Day Care Australia</a>                | <b>1800 621 218</b> |
| › <a href="#">ABC Learning Centres</a>                     | <b>1800 222 543</b> |
| › Child Care Access Hotline                                | <b>1800 670 305</b> |
| › <a href="#">Department of Defence Child Care Centres</a> |                     |

## › [Australian Child Care Index](#)

## Health care

There are a number of hospitals that service Perth, the surrounding suburbs and country areas. The following websites are good sources of information:

- › [Department of Health](#)
- › [List of Perth hospitals](#)

## Sport

The **Department of Sport and Recreation** website has a complete list of sport, leisure and other social outlets in Western Australia.

## Climate

Western Australia experiences a variety of climatic conditions, ranging from tropical in the north, to temperate in the southwest corner. The Perth metropolitan area enjoys a very warm climate with average monthly maximum temperatures ranging from 17C in July, to 38C in February. Even in the winter months, the temperature rarely falls below 5C.

## Where can I find more information?

- › [Tourism Western Australia](#)
- › [Defence Community Organisation](#)

## Contact DHA

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| › DHA (139 DHA)                                      | <b>139 342</b>        |
| › Perth Office Fax                                   | <b>(02) 6222 2221</b> |
| › <a href="http://www.dha.gov.au">www.dha.gov.au</a> |                       |



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