Section 4.4: Applicants who have experienced homelessness

This section is for an applicant who:

- has experienced homelessness while in secondary school education from 1 January 2025 to 1 March 2027
- is under the age of 23 as of 1 January 2027.

You can apply under this section if you or your parent(s) or guardian(s) that you live with is registered on the Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS). PASS is an online database used by all Local Authorities (LA) and homeless services in Ireland.

If you have experienced homelessness from 1 January 2025 to 1 March 2027 while attending secondary school, **you will receive a score of 2.5.**

Completing the online application form

HEAR needs your permission to contact the PASS (Pathway Accommodation Support System) office directly so we can assess your application.

HEAR needs this to check that you or your parent(s) or guardian(s), whom you live with, were homeless during the period of 1 January 2025 to 1 March 2027. HEAR will need your PPS number if you give your permission. HEAR will also need the name, date of birth and PPS number of your parent(s) or guardian(s). Remember, you must also meet the low-income criterion (Criterion 1).

See Section 6 (pages 26–28) for the household income documents you need to submit with your application.

Please note: To be considered for HEAR reduced points places you or your parent(s) or guardian(s) must be registered as homeless on the PASS system.

HEAR may be unable to check your application under this criterion if you have not accessed homeless services or emergency accommodation (for example before 1 January 2025).

Applicants who meet the criteria for homelessness and provide the information above will be awarded a score of 2.5 and be HEAR eligible. However, if you meet other criteria as outlined on page 12 (for example medical card, DEIS school etc) this may increase your score.