

An Introduction to THE HomeShare for Sharers



What is Homeshare?

THE HomeShare is a carefully matched living arrangement where a person looking for affordable accommodation (the Sharer) lives with a Householder who has a spare room and would benefit from companionship, practical support, and an overnight presence.

Rather than paying high rental costs, Sharers offer approximately 10 hours per week of companionship and light household support in exchange for affordable accommodation and the opportunity to become part of a supportive home environment.

Homeshare is not a care arrangement. Instead, it is based on mutual benefit, respect, companionship, and shared living.

The Benefits of Becoming a Sharer

Affordable Accommodation

Homeshare offers a much more affordable alternative to traditional renting, especially in a challenging housing market.

Sharers receive:

- A private bedroom within a carefully matched home
- Lower monthly living costs
- Utility bills often included or significantly reduced.
- Ongoing support from THE HomeShare team

Meaningful Connection

- Many Sharers describe Homeshare as a rewarding and enriching experience.
- Building genuine friendships and connections
- Becoming part of a home and local community
- Reducing loneliness and social isolation for both people
- Sharing experiences, meals, conversations, and daily life



Flexible Living Arrangement

Homeshare works well for:

- Professionals
- Mature students
- Key workers
- Remote workers
- People relocating to a new area.
- Individuals seeking a more meaningful way of living.
- The arrangement is designed to fit around normal work, study, and social commitments.

Safe and Supported

THE HomeShare provides:

- Careful matching based on personality, lifestyle, interests, and expectations.
- Garda Vetting as a mandatory requirement
- Reference checks
- Ongoing support and monitoring
- Guidance throughout the arrangement
- Access to support if issues arise.
- We are proud to be Ireland's only Homeshare service that makes Garda Vetting mandatory for all Sharers.

What Support Might a Sharer Provide?

Support is tailored to each arrangement and may include:

- Companionship and conversation
- Sharing meals occasionally
- Light household tasks
- Walking a dog
- Collecting shopping
- Helping with technology
- Being present overnight for reassurance
- Sharers do not provide personal care, medical care, or professional caregiving.

Limitations of Homesharing

There are certain restrictions when living in a Homeshare arrangement.

- You are expected to be in the home most nights. You may be away overnight for one night per week and one weekend per month (this includes any weekend that contains a bank holiday). In addition, you may take no more than two holidays of up to two weeks each per year, or alternatively four separate one-week holidays. Please note that Christmas and Easter are subject to different arrangements, as set out in the HomeShare Agreement.
- No visitors or overnight guests are permitted in the home.

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THE HomeShare Process

1. Initial Enquiry

Contact THE HomeShare to express your interest and discuss whether Homeshare is the right fit for you.

2. Application & Assessment

You will complete:

- An application form on our website
- A phone interview
- Garda Vetting
- Reference checks

We also discuss:

- Your lifestyle
- Your preferences
- Your schedule
- Your expectations for shared living.

3. Matching Process

Our team carefully identifies suitable Householders based on compatibility, personality, routines, location, and expectations.

A successful Homeshare match is about much more than simply offering a room.

4. Introductions

Once a potential match is identified:

- Introductions are arranged.
- Both parties have time to get to know each other.
- Expectations and boundaries are discussed openly.
- There is no pressure to proceed unless both people feel comfortable.

5. Agreement & Move-In

If everyone is happy to proceed:

- Agreements are signed.
- Placement Fee is paid.
- Support expectations are clarified.
- Move-in arrangements are coordinated.
- THE HomeShare team remains available throughout the arrangement.

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Sharer Pricing

Placement Fee

€350 + VAT (one-time fee paid before moving in for 2-week trial)

This covers:

- Assessment and onboarding
- Garda Vetting
- Matching process
- Introductions and setup support
- Documentation and agreements

Monthly Support Fee

Rural Areas

€280 + VAT per month

Urban Areas

€320 + VAT per month

- City pricing applies to major Irish cities and urban areas
- Regional pricing applies outside major city locations

Utility Bills

€65 per month towards utility bills paid directly to the Householder

The monthly support fee includes:

- Ongoing support from THE HomeShare team.
- Monthly check-ins.
- Assistance if challenges arise.
- Regular checks to ensure safety and wellbeing.
- Access to emergency support when required.

Why Choose THE HomeShare?

At THE HomeShare, we believe people should have the opportunity to affordable and safe accommodation so they can save for their future or live in their preferred area. For Sharers, it offers not just accommodation but the opportunity to make a genuine difference while becoming part of a welcoming home.

Homeshare creates:

- Safer homes
- Stronger communities
- Affordable accommodation solutions
- Reduced loneliness and social isolation
- Meaningful intergenerational connections

Get in Touch

We would love to hear from you and discuss whether Homeshare could be the right fit for you.

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