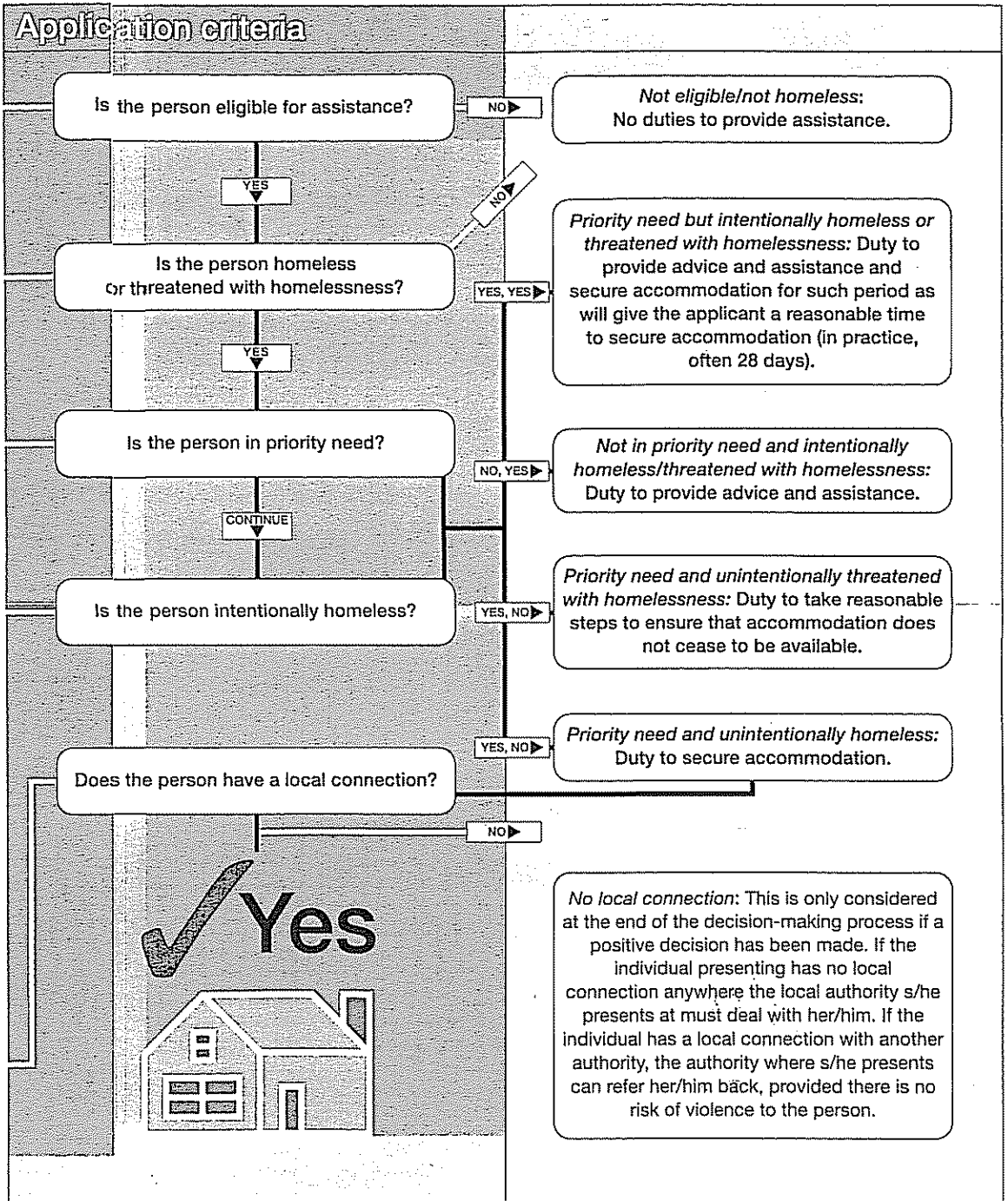


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- Eligibility**
A person is not eligible for housing assistance if s/he...
- is not a British citizen and/or does not have full rights to live here because of immigration status
 - is not considered to be habitually resident in the UK
- Homeless/threatened with homelessness**
A person is homeless if s/he...
- has no accommodation in the UK or elsewhere that is available for his/her occupation and that s/he has a legal right to occupy
 - has accommodation but cannot secure entry to it
 - has accommodation but it is a moveable structure, for example, a caravan or houseboat
 - has accommodation but it would not be reasonable for her/him to occupy it
- A person is threatened with homelessness if s/he...
- is likely to become homeless within the next 28 days
- Housing authorities must not wait until homelessness is imminent before providing assistance*
- Priority need**
A person is in priority need if...
- s/he is pregnant or if dependant children live, or might reasonably be expected to live with her/him
 - s/he has become homeless or is threatened with homelessness as a result of a flood, fire or other disaster
 - s/he is aged 16 or 17 and is not a 'relevant child' or a child in need who would be covered by the Children Act 1989 (except a person who is in full-time education and whose term-time accommodation is not available during a vacation - 'a relevant student')
 - s/he is aged under 21 and was looked after, accommodated or fostered between the ages of 16 and 18 (except 'a relevant student')
 - s/he is aged 21 or over and is vulnerable as a result of having been looked after, accommodated or fostered between the ages of 16 and 18 (except 'a relevant student')
 - s/he is vulnerable due to 'old age, mental illness, handicap, physical disability or other special reason'
 - s/he is vulnerable as a result of having been a member of Her Majesty's regular navy, military or armed forces
 - s/he is vulnerable as a result of having served a custodial sentence, being committed for contempt of court or other offence or being remanded in custody
 - s/he is vulnerable as a result of ceasing to occupy accommodation because of violence or harassment from another person or threats of violence from another person that are likely to be carried out
- The duty generally extends to other members of the person's household.*
- Intentionality**
A person is considered intentionally homeless if s/he...
- deliberately did or did not do something
 - which caused her/him to leave housing which s/he could otherwise have stayed in
 - and it would have been reasonable to stay there
- All these points must apply.*
- Local connection**
A person has a local connection if s/he...
- has lived in the area by choice for a certain time (usually for six of the last twelve months or three of the last five years)
 - has a family connection in the area
 - works in the area
 - has a connection with the area for 'another special reason'
- If any of these applies then a person has a local connection.*



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