

Homeland Eligibility

For a homeland/outstation to be eligible for funding it must meet a number of criteria.

These are explained below;

- The homeland/outstation must be permanently or seasonally occupied. The definitions of occupancy are;
 - *Permanently Occupied* - A community that has a permanent population of core residents living at the community year round. The population may vary in numbers due to seasonal and cultural reasons, but there is a consistent core group of residents that live at the community.
 - *Seasonally Occupied* - A community that has a permanent population of core residents, but because of restricted access during the wet season is not occupied during this time. These homeland communities are typically not accessible during the wet season, and residents will live in alternative accommodation such as towns or town camps while they cannot access the homeland.

In determining the occupancy the department will rely on information provided by the technical officers and service providers. If there is any dispute to the status of residency the onus is on the resident to show that the homelands is occupied permanently or seasonally

- There must be a supply of potable water
- The homeland must be a permanent place of residence.
- A service provider must be willing to take on service delivery obligations
- New outstation\homeland residents must demonstrate how they will access education services if they have children; and

Where due to additional housing being built, upgrades to MES infrastructure on homelands must be funded by the developer