



# HOUSING & OLDER ADULTS

## LICENSURE

DDA provides licenses for a variety of services and homes for older adults and individuals with disabilities. Older adults, whose incomes are typically fixed or declining, are at a greater risk of facing homelessness or housing insecurity. This licensure category offers another option for older adults looking to secure permanent housing. The DDA Office of Licensure will grant licenses to homes that meet the licensing requirements to include providing a safe environment and have gone through adequate education and training.

## HOW DOES THIS HELP ALLEVIATE THE HOUSING CRISIS?

As the number of older Tennesseans grows, so does the challenge of finding affordable housing. This new licensure category provides more options for many older adults that are on a fixed or declining income.

## WHAT LICENSE NEEDS TO BE APPLIED FOR THROUGH DDA?

The **Tier 1 Homes for the Aged** are applied for through DDA:

- This selection on the FACT sheet will be made in order to provide the residential model of a home to older adults, age 55 and up. There may be up to three unrelated people, not including the homeowner or live-in staff, living in the home.



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## DDA LICENSURE STEPS FOR TIER 1 HOMES:

1. Contact your regional licensure team, that contact information can be found by the link below or scan the QR code:  
[tn.gov/disability-and-aging/l/licensure](https://tn.gov/disability-and-aging/l/licensure)
2. Inform the surveyor that you wish to apply for a Tier 1 Home for the Aged.
3. Once the Initial Application packet has been received and approved, the licensure team will send an invoice (the fee is \$200 per home) for the license and schedule an Initial Licensure Survey where they will come into the home to complete the in-person assessment.
4. The initial licensing process will typically range from 30 to 90 days, depending on when all licensing requirements are met.



## INFORMATION ON OTHER LICENSING FOR HOMES FOR OLDER ADULTS

### HEALTH FACILITIES COMMISSION:

Licenses are issued by the Commission for Tier 2 Homes for the Aged, which provide room, board, and personal services to four (4) or more nonrelated persons.

Visit the link below or scan the QR code:

[tn.gov/hfc](https://tn.gov/hfc)



For general questions and inquiries reach out to:

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