

## THE NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST ACT

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### The National Housing Trust (Housing Benefits) (Ruthven Towers Housing Development) Order, 2020

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In exercise of the power conferred upon the Minister by sections 20 and 39 of the National Housing Trust Act, and of every other power hereunto enabling, the following Order is hereby made:-

1. – (1) This Order may be cited as the National Housing Trust (Housing Benefits) (Ruthven Towers Housing Development) Order, 2020, and shall be deemed to come into operation on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

(2) The provisions of the National Housing Trust (Housing Benefits) Order, 1979, shall apply, subject to the provisions of this Order.

2. In this Order –

“housing benefits programme” means the programme described in paragraph 3;

“qualified person” means a contributor –

- (a) who falls within any of the categories of persons specified in the first column of the Schedule;
- (b) who satisfies the eligibility requirements for a non-homeowner’s loan from the Trust to assist in the purchase of a house;
- (c) who processes his loan to purchase a house directly through the Trust;
- (d) who satisfies the Trust that he is able to make payments to repay the loan to purchase a house, individually or together with a co-applicant for the loan;

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- (e) who otherwise qualifies under the Act for a benefit under the non-homeowners' acquisition scheme; and
- (f) whose place of residence or employment is in one of the following parishes, listed in order of preference –
  - (i) firstly, Kingston or Saint Andrew; and
  - (ii) secondly, Saint Catherine or Saint Thomas;

“Ruthven Towers Housing Development” means the 5.7 acres of land, situate at 1-3 Ruthven Road, Kingston 10, in the parish of Saint Andrew comprising fourteen two-bedroom units and seventy-two one-bedroom units; and

“young adults” means contributors between the ages of twenty-five years and forty years who fall within the five *per cent* income band.

3. – (1) the Trust shall establish and operate a housing benefits programme to allocate nineteen units, in the Ruthven Towers Housing Schedule. Development, in the manner specified in the second column of the Schedule, to the category of persons specified in the first column of the Schedule.

(2) A qualified person shall be eligible for one house in the Ruthven Towers Housing Development.

**SCHEDULE**


**(Paragraphs 2 and 3(1))**

*Specific Allocation of Houses in the Ruthven Towers Housing Development*

<i>Categories of Persons</i>	<i>Allocation of Housing Benefit</i>
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1. Members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force	one house

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| 2. | Members of the Jamaica Defence Force   | one house   |
| 3. | Members of the Jamaica Teachers' Association   | one house   |
| 4. | Members of the Nurses Association of Jamaica   | one house   |
| 5. | Members of the Jamaica Civil Service Association   | one house   |
| 6. | Members of the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions, who do not fall within any of the other categories of persons specified in this column | one house   |
| 7. | Young Adults   | Eleven, one-bedroom houses and two two-bedroom houses |

Dated this 08<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
Prime Minister

