Choice in Community Living

Easy Read information for people moving to a new life
Are you interested in moving out of a residential service and into the community?

How could your life change?

Here is a 5 step guide to help you know the difference between residential services and living in your own home in the community.
1. In residential services you have your own bedroom but do not have much choice about the house you live in or your flatmates.

With Choice in Community Living it’s your home so you decide where to live and who you live with.
2. In residential services, the disability support provider organises all of your services.

With **Choice in Community Living** you and your family choose the support you want.
3. In **residential services** your Supported Living Payment is paid to your disability support provider and they decide how to use it.

With **Choice in Community Living** **you** and your family or advocate work out a budget and how to use your disability funding.
4. In **residential services** the house that you live in is owned or leased by a disability support provider.

With **Choice in Community Living** you can

- own your own home
- pay rent to a landlord
- choose to have flatmates or live on your own.

You will have your own key.
5. In residential services the disability support provider has a lot of control over how you live your life.

With *Choice in Community Living* you are in charge.
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