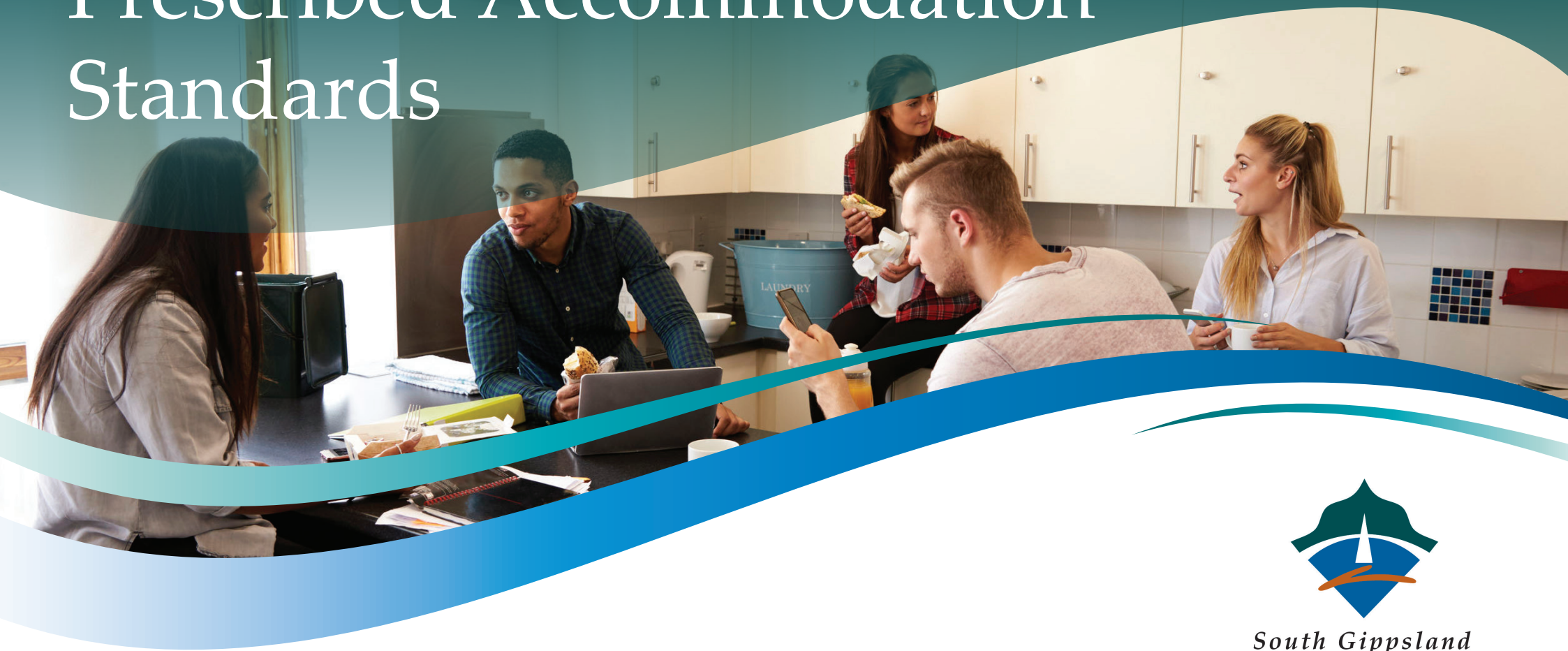# Prescribed Accommodation Standards

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The standards for prescribed accommodation as set out in Division 2 of the Public Health and Wellbeing (Prescribed Accommodation) Regulations 2020 are summarised below. These standards are assessed at registration, transfer and during any inspection of the premises.

For further clarification and advice please contact Council's Environmental Health department on 5662 9200 or council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Overcrowding

The number of people who can be accommodated in premises is determined by the floor area of rooms and varies depending on the length of stay.

The proprietor must ensure that each bedroom has a minimum floor space of $7.5m^2$ and complies with the floor area and occupant numbers required:

- Table One for the first 31 days of a person's stay at accommodation types other than holiday camps
- Table Two for the first 31 days of a person's stay at a holiday camp
- Table Three from the 32nd day onward of a person's stay

When calculating the number of people per bedroom:

- One child under three is not counted as a person
- Two children under the age of three are counted as one person

Table One - Accommodation Requirements for the First 31 days, other than Holiday Camps

Floor Area of Bedroom	Maximum Number of People Permitted to Occupy Bedroom
Between 7.5 and $10m^2$	2
$10m^2$	3
Plus not less than $3m^2$ for each additional person	

Table Two - Accommodation Requirements for the First 31 days for Holiday Camps

Floor Area of Bedroom	Maximum Number of People Permitted to Occupy Bedroom
Between 7.5 and $8m^2$	3
$8m^2$	4
Plus not less than $2m^2$ for each additional person	

Table Three - Accommodation Requirements for the 32 days onwards

Floor Area of Bedroom	Maximum Number of People Permitted to Occupy Bedroom
Between 7.5 and $12m^2$	1
$12m^2$	2
Plus not less than $4m^2$ for each additional person	

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Maintenance

The proprietor of the prescribed accommodation premises must maintain all bedrooms, toilets, bathrooms, laundries, kitchens and living areas in:
- Good working order
- Clean, sanitary and hygienic condition
- A good state of repair

Cleanliness

The proprietor must:
- Ensure that all rooms are thoroughly cleaned once vacated and before reuse
- All bed linen (if provided) is changed with clean linen at least weekly and after the accommodation is vacated and before its reuse by another occupier

Water Supply

The proprietor must supply an adequate and continuous supply of:
- Water to all toilet, bathing, laundry and drinking water facilities
- Hot water to all bathing, laundry and kitchen facilities.

Drinking Water

Water intended for drinking must be fit for human consumption and comply with *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines 2011.*

Discharge of Sewage and Wastewater

The proprietor of the prescribed accommodation premises must ensure all sewage and waste water (black and grey) is connected to the reticulated sewage system or that an approved septic tank system has been installed for the building.

Refuse Receptacles and Refuse Disposal

The proprietor must provide vermin proof receptacles for the collection and storage of all rubbish and ensure these receptacles are regularly emptied and cleaned.

Toilet and Bathing Facilities

The proprietor must provide at least one toilet, one bath or shower and one hand washbasin for every 10 people or fraction of that number of people occupying the premises. All facilities are to be maintained in a clean and hygienic condition and in a good state of repair.

Registration of Occupants

The proprietor must keep an occupant register with the following information for a period of 12 months:
- Names and addresses of occupants
- Date of arrival and departure of occupants