Eligibility Guide

At The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Care Company (RMBI Care Co.), we care for older Freemasons and their families as well as some people in the community. Caring has been our way of life since 1842 and we provide a home for over 1,000 people across England and Wales – while supporting many more. Whether people need residential or nursing care, dementia support or day services, we care for them professionally and kindly.

There are several different categories of eligibility and you must meet the criteria for one of the categories to be able to access our services, or gain access to Masonic financial support. Our services are available to people with either private or public funding. We recommend that you visit **www.payingforcare.org** to find out more about paying for care options based upon your personal and financial circumstances.

In all cases, final agreement as to whether a place at one of our Homes will be offered will depend on an individual assessment, which ensures that we can meet your needs, and agreement as to how your care will be funded. The minimum age that people can enter an RMBI Home is usually 65, however people under this age may apply and their application will be considered by our Trustees. For more information or advice, please contact the RMBI Head Office on 020 7596 2400 or speak to the Manager at your local Home.

The following categeories of eligibility are:

1. Freemason

A Freemason is eligible to become a resident at an RMBI Home if:

i. His need to come into an RMBI Home arose after he joined Freemasonry, and:

ii. In the case where he is no longer a subscribing member, the time in lapsed membership cannot be greater than twice the length of his subscribing membership.

E.g. A Freemason that was initiated in 2010 and ended his membership in 2015, has a membership of five years and can therefore apply for support for up to 10 years to 2025 - twice the length of his subscription.

2. Married couple

A married couple are eligible to become residents at an RMBI Home, provided that the criteria for a Freemason under category 1 are met.

3. Widows/widowed partners

Widows/widowed partners are eligible to become residents at an RMBI Home provided that the criteria for a Freemason under category 1 are met. If the deceased husband was a subscribing Freemason at the time of his death, the time limit under category 1 will not apply.

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4. Wives/partners

Wives/partners of a Freemason are eligible for support provided that the criteria for a Freemason under category 1 are met. Divorced or separated wives and partners are also eligible, provided that they are not remarried or cohabiting with a new partner (this also applies to widows).

5. Others who are dependent on a Freemason

Other relatives who are dependent on a Freemason or a deceased Freemason are eligible for support where there is significant long term physical or financial support provided by the Freemason, and provided that the criteria for a Freemason under category 1 are met.

6. Other relations of a Freemason

Certain other relatives of a Freemason are eligible for support, even if they are not dependent on a Freemason: these are parents, in-laws, siblings and grandparents. Again, the criteria for a Freemason under category 1 must be met.

7. Applicants who have no Masonic connection

We have a limited number of places which may be available to people who do not have a Masonic connection. These applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis with the relevant Home Manager who will advise on availability and the application process involved. Priority will always be given to Freemasons and their families.

Notes and conditions

Eligible applicants who will be self-funding their care will need to pay their care fees in line with RMBI Care Co. and government requirements.

Applicants with or without a Masonic connection who are unable to self-fund, will be required to pay a minimum fee which is paid for by the local authority, (following an assessment by the local authority, and providing that they decide your needs require a care home placement).

Local authority fees do not cover the full cost of care. For applicants funded in this way, financial support will be provided by the Masonic Charitable Foundation through RMBI Care Co.

Excluded Freemasons will be eligible as long as their period of subscribing membership is at least half as long as the period since they were excluded. Expelled Freemasons are ineligible for support but their relatives are eligible.

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