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## Industrial and Provident Society

Registered Societies used to be referred to as Industrial and Provident Societies.

A society will be one of the following:

- A cooperative society which exists to serve some mutual interest of its members, or
- A community benefit society which exists to serve the wider community, or a section of the community (such as vulnerable people who need housing)

Most of the large traditional housing associations are registered community benefit societies.