



Ready-to-Build Units Made For Saugeen Shores

Save thousands of dollars with pre-reviewed designs.

What is an ARU?

An Additional Residential Unit (ARU) is a self-contained living space with its own kitchen and bathroom. It can be located inside the main home or in a detached structure on the same property. Typically ARUs are found on lots with a single-detached, semi-detached, or townhouse dwelling.

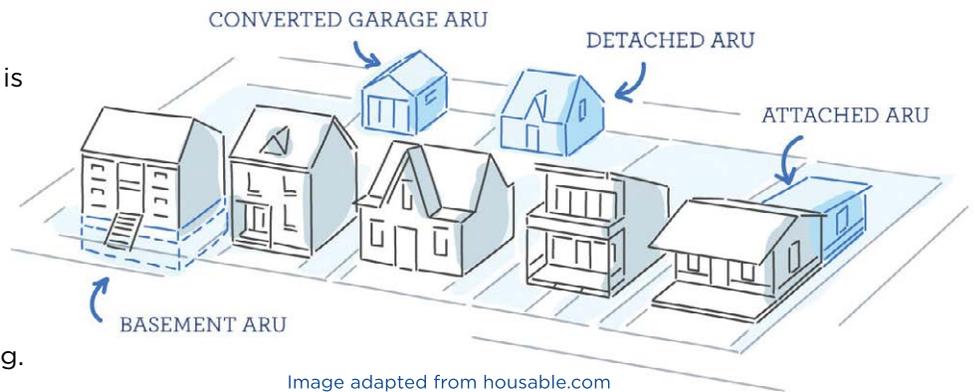


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Why choose a pre-reviewed ARU housing design?

Simplify planning and save time and money.

Cut design costs while boosting property value.

Create flexible housing for income and growth.

Preserve charm and support smart development.

Available pre-reviewed ARU designs:



Mapleview Suite

800 square foot
2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms



Lakeside Cottage

600 square foot
1 bedroom, 1 bathroom

Accessible Plan Available 



McBride's Loft

750 square foot
1 bedroom, 1 bathroom

5 Simple Steps to build your ARU in Saugeen Shores



1. Confirm Zoning

Email building@saugeenshores.ca to confirm your property permits an ARU. You can also visit maps.brucecounty.on.ca to access the Bruce County online GIS map.



2. Choose a Pre-Reviewed Design

Pick a pre-reviewed ARU plan to fast-track your process.



3. Prepare Your Application and Submit Required Plans

The pre-reviewed designs provide a full set of working construction drawings that include:

- Floor plans and elevation plans
- Energy efficiency summary

A Site Plan is not included as part of the pre-reviewed design package, as each property is unique.

Any modifications to a pre-reviewed plan must involve a certified BCIN designer directly to ensure compliance with the Ontario Building Code and the Town's Zoning by-law. This may require the submission of new floor plans, elevation plans, energy efficiency summary, and site plan.

Building permit applications are accepted electronically through Cloudpermit.



4. Pay Fees

Once reviewed, pay applicable fees.

Building Fees:

- Building permit fees are calculated based on finished and unfinished space and plumbing fixtures.
- Development Charges: Your project may be exempt from development charges. Please email building@saugeenshores.ca to confirm.



5. Download Building Permit and Schedule Inspections

Once a building permit is issued, you can download a copy of your building permit with the approved plans. You are now ready to start construction. Don't forget to book your inspections through Cloudpermit.