

Housing at a Glance

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Housing is concerned with the primary sectors of:

- Social Rented Sector
- Private Rented Sector
- Owner Occupiers
- Shared Ownership

Help with housing costs is provided for these sectors but in different ways.

In certain circumstances housing costs may be [payable for two homes](#).

Renters can be subject to '[Joint tenancies](#)' when renting properties, the responsibility for a property can be shared with another person. If one tenant leaves the property and stops paying rent, but the landlord does not remove them the tenancy agreement, the tenancy maybe classed as [untidy](#) Checks on tenancy agreements, are made via a decision maker ensure tenancies are not [contrived](#)

If a custodial sentence is awarded, a prisoner may be able to get continuing help with housing see 'prisoners' within the [Housing Overview](#).

Claimants may not have a rent agreement but be subject to 'use and occupation' see [Housing overview](#)

Claimants with mortgages may be able to get help only with interest payments, see [Mortgages](#). [Shared Ownership](#) occurs when part renting and part owning a property

Support for certain types of service charges on properties may be included see [service charges](#) People who buy a portion of their house and rent the rest can receive help with rent and support for mortgage interest, under shared ownership.

If a house is under-occupied, the [removal of the spare room subsidy](#) may apply to housing payments in the SRS, but not under shared ownership.

To help manage payments, claimants can make use of [Personal Budgeting Support and Alternative Payment Arrangements](#). Claimants seeking housing financial help can contact their local authority for help under [discretionary housing payments](#).

Claimants [under 35](#) are subject to differing rules for housing costs support in the [private rented sector](#).

If a claimant is in temporary accommodation, they are always treated as a [private rented sector](#) case

[Council Tax](#) is the system of local taxation used in England, Scotland and Wales, part funding services provided by local government in each country.

[Non-dependants](#) affect the number of rooms allocated to the extended benefit unit

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