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The local authority (LA) Housing Benefit Team will decide if the accommodation a claimant occupies is to be classified as Specified Accommodation. The LA Housing Benefit Team also deals with any disputes regarding the decision to classify the accommodation as specified.

Where there is a liability to pay rent it is met by Housing Benefit through the LA. Any doubts are checked with the housing benefit team to ensure the housing costs are not paid by both Housing Benefit and Universal Credit.

For Universal Credit purposes, claimants with a liability to pay rent will be treated as not liable when living in specified accommodation.

Specified Accommodation can be:

- [Supported Exempt Accommodation](#)
- [managed accommodation](#)
- [accommodation for victims of domestic violence and abuse](#)
- [hostel accommodation](#)

Supported Exempt Accommodation

Supported Exempt Accommodation may be a resettlement place or accommodation where the claimant receives care, support or supervision provided by or on behalf of a:

- county council
- housing association
- registered charity
- voluntary organisation

Managed accommodation

Managed accommodation is accommodation into which the claimant has been admitted in order to meet a need for care, support or supervision that is provided by a:

- county council
- housing association
- registered charity

- voluntary organisation

Accommodation for victims of domestic violence and abuse

Accommodation for victims of domestic violence and abuse is where the accommodation is managed by a:

- local authority
- county council
- housing association
- registered charity
- voluntary organisation

Claimants who leave their home through fear of violence may still receive the housing costs for that property subject to time limits and if they intend to return. For further information, see [Paying for two homes](#).

Hostel accommodation

Hostel accommodation is provided by an LA that includes care, support or supervision for the claimant.