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A Use and Occupation agreement is used where a person is occupying a property without a formal tenancy agreement being in place.

This can be where a claimant remains in a property on a use and occupation basis after their partner, who was the tenant, had died while either a new tenancy is granted or the claimant finds alternative accommodation.

Though the claimant is not a tenant, they are treated as having liability for the rent and so meet the occupation and liability tests in Universal Credit for the payment of housing costs.

Use and occupation agreements are used mainly in the Social Rented Sector.