

FINDING PRIVATELY RENTED ACCOMODATION

WEBSITE FACTSHEET

Website offering properties where Housing Benefit is claimants are accepted:

www.dssaccepted.co.uk	
www.Spareroom.com	
www.gumtree.com	
www.dssmove.co.uk	
www.dscribs.com	
www.yes2dss.com	
www.preloved.co.uk	
www.lets4dss.co.uk	(does not require a deposit)
www.dsslettings.org.uk/england	
www.housingbenefitlandlords.co.uk	
www.hertschoicehomes.org.uk	

Landlords advertising directly:

www.lettingaproperty.com/tenant	
www.findaflat.com/content/about/our-services-findafat/	
www.rentfromtheowner.co.uk/	
www.upad.co.uk/	
www.netrent.co.uk/netrent_homev3/	
www.openrent.co.uk/	(does not charge fees)

For single people:

www.hopeworldwide.org.uk
twentyfifthavenue.co.uk

Rooms to let:

www.spareroom.com	
uk.easyroommate.com/south-east/	
www.flatshare.com/flatshare/?search_id=235194973&	
www.houseshare.com	
www.flatmaterooms.co.uk	
www.roomsforlet.co.uk	
www.rooms4keyworkers.com	(for nurses, teachers, police, armed forces etc)

Renting with a Pet:

A good percentage of landlords will refuse to rent to a potential tenant who has a pet, usually for fear of the animal causing some damage to the property.

www.letswithpets.org.uk/petowners/petowners

www.petfriendlylettingagents.co.uk

www.letswithpets.org.uk/find-a-pet-friendly-letting-agency/search

www.lettingaproperty.com/tenant

www.petlets.net

For potential landlords: www.endsleigh.co.uk/personal/lets-with-pets/
(specialist landlord's insurance with pet damage included)

Deposit Bonds:

www.rental-deposits.com

www.advancedrent.co.uk/deposit-replacement-insurance

www.crisis.org.uk/find-pr-scheme.php

www.fccparagon.com/services/services-for-tenants/

www.tenantstips.com/Home/Tenancy-Help/Tenancy-Deposit-Help/Bond-Scheme?

blog.tds.gb.com/blog/rental-loans-for-tenants/

[Rental deposit loan scheme for employees of Co-op and the Civil Service](#)

Employers are entitled to offer their employees tax-free loans of up to £10,000.

Once the deposit is paid and rented home secured, employees will repay the loan via deductions from their pay, see:

www.gov.uk/expenses-and-benefits-loans-provided-to-employees

Council House / Housing Association Property Exchange:

www.ukhomeswap.co.uk

www.houseexchange.org.uk

www.homeswapper.co.uk

www.councilexchange.org.uk

www.facebook.com/pages/COUNCIL-HOUSE-EXCHANGES-AND-HOUSING-ASSOCIATION-EXCHANGES/104500686265726

www.mutualhomeexchange.co.uk/homes

www.underoneroofexchange.co.uk

www.freeads.co.uk/uk/property/council_housing_exchanges

www.ipropertyswap.co.uk

www.redmoves.co.uk

www.council-exchange.org/

www.exchangeforum.co.uk/

www.exchangeuk.co.uk/

www.exchangeyourhome.co.uk/

You can swap your council or housing association home with another tenant if you follow certain rules and get permission from your landlord. This is often called 'mutual exchange'.

You should contact your landlord if you're a housing association tenant and want to swap homes.

Tenants **MUST** be aware that they risk losing the security of their current tenancy if they swap, as they will exchange the tenancy as well as the property

Most local areas have their own specific exchange websites so search for local sites.

