

North Ayrshire Council's Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme

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The Homeless Assessment,
Prevention and Advice Team
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Aim of the scheme

A big problem for homeless people who want to rent a home from a private landlord is not being able to pay a cash deposit. The Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme helps you rent from a private landlord by giving the landlord a written 'guarantee' instead of a cash deposit.

Who is eligible?

The Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme helps people who are currently homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless. To be eligible, you must:

- be receiving benefits or have a low wage or income;
- not be able to afford a deposit for a private home;
- be willing to pay the deposit back to the landlord; and
- have a local connection with North Ayrshire.

Note

Because of the restrictions on Housing Benefit, we find it difficult to help single people under 25.

The referral process

You can be referred to us by:

- the Homeless Assessment, Prevention and Advice Team;
- local housing offices;
- Social Services;
- Women's Aid;
- the Homeless Appeals Panel; or
- Community Housing Advocacy Project (CHAP)

Or, you can contact us yourself.

How we will help you

We will help you by:

- offering support and advice on finding suitable private accommodation;
- inspecting all properties before including them in the scheme, to make sure they are safe and secure;
- offering support and advice in dealing with your landlord and your tenancy, including any paperwork involved in a new tenancy;
- offering support and advice throughout your tenancy;
- making sure that all properties have a valid gas and electric safety certificate and smoke detectors; and
- making sure that all landlords registered with us are 'fit and proper' people to be letting property.

How we will help landlords

We will help landlords by:

- giving them a written 'guarantee' instead of a cash deposit, which is valid for six months and provides security to the landlord for this period;
- filling in all the paperwork involved in a new tenancy;
- offering support and advice during the tenancy; and
- visiting you in the first six months, to make sure that we quickly deal with any problems.

What happens at the end of the six-month 'guarantee' period?

The Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme agreements clearly explain the conditions of the scheme. The 'guarantee' ends after six months and our financial responsibilities under the scheme also end.

However, we will still support you and help the landlord with all parts of the tenancy.



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