

Find Your Own Accommodation

Advice on how to find your own accommodation

You should now start searching for your own accommodation. The Find Your Own Accommodation process has been designed to help you find accommodation in the private rented sector. This process, with support of council staff in your hotel, will help you to find a new home.

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Affordability

Ask council staff in your current accommodation to help you complete **an assessment** to work out what you can afford.

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Location

Discuss possible areas to move with council staff. They will contact councils to find out whether they can help you. Not all councils will be able to support you, but this does not prevent you from moving if you find a property that is suitable and affordable.

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Property Search

Start your property search in areas agreed. You should enquire about multiple properties to increase your chance of securing one. Council staff can help with this.

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Confirm Support

Tell council staff in your temporary accommodation when you find a suitable property. They will let you know whether the council in the area you want to move can support. If you move without the support of your new council, they may not provide the services you need.

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Moving

Your new council may be able to help with costs like initial rent, deposits, and furniture. They may also provide ongoing resettlement support, like helping you find a nearby school and access to medical services.

Further Information

The Home Office can help with transport to move you and your belongings to your new property. Speak to your Home Office Liaison Officer, who can arrange this for you.