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If you require further information with regards
to the Tenant Accreditation Scheme
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Tenant Accreditation Scheme Guidance for Tenants



Your key into to the private rented sector



What is the Tenant Accreditation scheme?

If you are looking for private rented property this could be the right scheme for you.

Northumberland County Council's Tenant Accreditation scheme gives you the opportunity to become an Accredited Tenant through having your reference checks carried out for free by Northumberland County Council's Private Rented Sector Team.

Becoming accredited makes it easier to access private rented accommodation because you will be 'pre-referenced', it also gives you access to a bond guarantee for the first twelve months of your new tenancy.

How can I access the scheme?

You can apply to Northumberland County Council to become accredited by contacting the Private Sector team on 01670 622299 or emailing PrivateSectorHousing@northumberland.gov.uk.

What checks will be done?

- ◆ Address history going back five years
- ◆ Proof of current address and proof of identification
- ◆ Previous/current landlord reference check
- ◆ Arrears checks
- ◆ An affordability assessment
- ◆ Character reference (if no other reference is available)

What are the benefits to me as the tenant?

- ◆ Easier access into the private rented sector
- ◆ Access to a bond guarantee via Northumberland County Council for the first twelve months of the tenancy
- ◆ There are no fees or charges payable to get the checks done
- ◆ An Accredited Tenant certificate to present to future landlords to show that you have passed all our checks.

What is expected of you as the tenant?

You will be expected to cooperate with the Private Sector Team to avoid a delay in the checks being done.

You will be expected to be truthful and accurate when completing your Tenant Accreditation application form and not withhold any information that may be affect the accuracy of your referencing results.

If you would like more information, please see the contact details on the reverse of this leaflet.