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What are the advantages of specified accommodation?

Basic info

In simple terms, it is more likely that a Housing Benefit (HB) claimant will have his or her full rent covered by HB for specified accommodation than if he or she lived in any other kind of accommodation.

The HB rules are more advantageous for people who live in Category 1 accommodation (exempt accommodation) than for those who occupy Categories 2, 3 and 4; but HB is still more generous for Categories 2, 3 and 4 than it is for non-specified general needs accommodation.