



What is exempt accommodation?

Basic info

“Exempt accommodation” is a term used in Housing Benefit and Universal Credit to describe supported accommodation where the rules that normally limit the amount of rent covered by a benefit award do not apply. There are two ways that accommodation can be exempt accommodation:

- The usual meaning of “exempt accommodation” is where the accommodation is provided by a landlord in the social or voluntary sector and the benefit claimant is provided with care, support or supervision by the landlord or by someone acting on the landlord’s behalf.
- A less common way for accommodation to be “exempt accommodation” is when it has been funded in the past by a resettlement grant from the Department of Social Security (now the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)).

Exempt accommodation is a category of “specified accommodation”, usually referred to as Category 1 (of 4).