

Introduction to Local Housing Allowance

Who is this course for?

Do you support tenants who are in private rented accommodation?

From April 2008, Local Housing Allowance will replace Housing Benefit for all people who are in private rented accommodation.

This course will look at the new rules, and also potential problems with the new system.

Aim

This course will introduce the concepts behind Local Housing Allowance and will enable participants to assess Local Housing Allowance for individual tenants.

Objectives

By the end of the course, participants will:

- Know how to assess which level of Local Housing Allowance applies to individual tenants
- Be aware of who is a “vulnerable” client
- Be aware of the rules relating to payment of LHA to individual tenants
- Be aware of when LHA can be paid directly to the landlord
- Be aware of potential problems and pitfalls with LHA