



# Private housing Right to rent check

Do you know your rights?



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**All landlords and agencies are legally required to carry out checks to ensure that prospective adult tenants have the legal right to rent a property in the UK.**

If you are going to be living in University residences, you will not need to undergo these checks. Often referred to as the 'right to rent,' landlords must take steps to ensure that prospective tenants have the legal right to rent in the UK.

By law a landlord must check every tenant's identification even if they think that someone is a British citizen.

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You can prove your right to rent in England using the digital online service at [www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-rent](http://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-rent)

If you do not have the required information to use the online checker, for example you do not have a share code, landlords can check by viewing a prospective tenant's acceptable document instead. You can read more about this on the government website [www.gov.uk/view-right-to-rent](http://www.gov.uk/view-right-to-rent)

## Got a question?

For advice, support or assistance, contact the University's private housing advisor or accommodation office:

**Email:** [private.housing@solent.ac.uk](mailto:private.housing@solent.ac.uk)

**Tel:** 023 8201 5040

[www.sassh.co.uk](http://www.sassh.co.uk)



## Do

### Prepare

Before you start looking for private accommodation, make sure you have the correct identification (ID) plus extra photocopies for you to give to the landlord or agency to retain.

### Identification (ID)

Look after your ID and never allow a landlord or agent to retain it.

**Tip:** If you are arranging accommodation from overseas, landlords must check your ID before you move in. Your landlord may be happy to use a video call to do the initial check. You can then show them your original documents when you arrive.

### Be safe

Always present your original ID to a landlord in person. Never send it by post.

### Trusted source

Make sure you use a trusted website. The university has a private housing accreditation scheme called [sassh.co.uk](http://sassh.co.uk)

### Remember

It is illegal for a landlord or agent to discriminate against you because of your nationality or race.



## Don't

### Part ways with your ID

Never let your original ID out of your sight, or allow the landlord or agent to retain it.

### Pay fees for this service

The Tenant Fees Act 2019 prohibits fees from being charged for right to rent checks.

### Struggle

The University is here to help you. If you have a question or need advice, you can email Solent's private housing advisor on [private.housing@solent.ac.uk](mailto:private.housing@solent.ac.uk)