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## Useful information for landlords

This information is for private landlords. Private tenants can find information and advice [here](#).

Landlords can get advice, resources and training from a range of organisations. These agencies can help you keep up to date on changes to legislation in the private rented sector.

You may need to become a member to access some of these services.

If you plan to be a landlord in the longer term, you should:

- consider joining a professional body
- undergo accredited training

## Housing Rights

[Housing Rights](#) is a specialist in housing advice, law and policy in Northern Ireland.

The organisation provides [training on a range of housing issues](#) including:

- renting privately
- antisocial behaviour
- houses in multiple occupation
- housing benefit and universal credit

Housing Rights [members](#) can get discounts on training and events.

# Landlords Association for Northern Ireland

The [Landlords Association for Northern Ireland \(LANI\)](#) represents private landlords in Northern Ireland.

LANI aims to:

- promote high standards in managing privately rented accommodation
- engage with government bodies and represent the interests of landlords
- alert members to the implications of changing legislation

Members can get help, information and attend events for free.

## Local councils in Northern Ireland

Environmental health departments in local councils are responsible for a range of housing issues including:

- fitness standards
- fitness certificates
- harassment and illegal eviction
- enforcing legislation affecting tenants and landlords

[Belfast City Council](#) is responsible for licensing houses in multiple occupation (HMOs).

NI Direct have [a full list of councils](#) and their contact details.

## The Department for Communities

This is the government department responsible for the private rented sector in Northern Ireland.

[The Department for Communities' website](#) includes:

- information on legislative requirements
- public consultations on changes to laws
- [a free newsletter](#) for private landlords

## Other organisations that can help

The organisations below can help with other aspects of being a landlord:

### Gas Safe Register

The [Gas Safe Register](#) is a list of registered engineers who are authorised to carry out checks on gas appliances

### Landlord Registration Scheme

The [Landlord Registration Scheme](#) records and maintains accurate information on private landlords and their properties.

### Land & Property Services

[Land & Property Services](#) deals with rates and Rate Rebate applications for domestic properties.

### Legislation.gov.uk

The [legislation.gov.uk database](#) has up to date legislation on all aspects of the private rented sector.

### NI Business Info

[NI Business Info](#) offers advice for commercial landlords operating in Northern Ireland.

### NI Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)

[NI Houses in Multiple Occupation \(HMO\)](#) within Belfast City Council administers the regulation of HMOs on behalf of all 11 councils.

## **Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)**

The [Northern Ireland Housing Executive](#) (NIHE) deals with Housing Benefit, Discretionary Housing Payments and grants.

## **Rent Register**

The [Rent Register](#) lists all known protected and rent-controlled tenancies in Northern Ireland.

## **Smartmove Housing**

[Smartmove Housing](#) works in partnership with private landlords to help tenants find affordable rented accommodation.

## **The Law Society of Northern Ireland**

[The Law Society of Northern Ireland](#) has a directory of solicitors practising in Northern Ireland.

## **The Property Ombudsman**

[The Property Ombudsman](#) is a voluntary ombudsman scheme that can help with complaints against estate and letting agents who are members.

## **More advice**

- [Landlord registration](#)
- [Certificates and safety checks](#)
- [Setting up a tenancy](#)