

## **International Students**

All private landlords in England are required by law to check that any tenant entering a residential tenancy agreement has the right to be in the UK before renting out their property. The Government [Right to Rent scheme](#) has been introduced to deter individuals who are in the country illegally from remaining in the UK.

Your landlord may ask to see identity documents that show you're legally allowed to live in the UK.

If you arrange your accommodation before you arrive in the UK then your landlord (or property agent) will check your right to rent before you move into the property. A right to rent check cannot be carried out more than 28 days before you enter into a tenancy agreement with your landlord.

From 25 November 2020 the Home Office introduced a new online checking service. If you fall into one of the following categories below, your landlord will be able to rely on the online service on the 'Check a tenant's right to rent' page on the GOV.UK website in order to complete an online check:

- Non-EEA nationals with a current biometric resident permit (BRP) or card
- EEA nationals and their family members with status granted under the EU Settlement Scheme
- Those with a visa status under the points-based immigration system

You will first need to view your own status electronically and then provide your landlord with a 'share code'. Your landlord will need to enter this code along with your date of birth in order to access your right to rent profile page.

Your landlord will need to be satisfied that the image that appears in your right to rent profile page is you. This can be done in person or via video link.

## **Rental Guarantors**

Landlords will often ask for and require a UK guarantor prior to renting their property to an individual. Most UK students will ask a family member to act as this guarantor, however, for EU/International students, we realise this is not always an option.

There is a company called [Housing Hand](#), which is an organisation set up to help provide guarantor support for those who need/require. Although it is a paid service, it is a much cheaper alternative than paying up to 6 months' rent in advance and has proven to be a suitable option for students.

## **Insurance**

Although not essential, we recommend you to have insurance to protect your belongings from theft, fire, loss or accidental damage while you are staying in the UK.

Websites such as [Money Saving Expert](#) offer a good overview of insurance policy information and comparison quotes.