

Assured shorthold tenancies

A helpful factsheet

This factsheet tells you more about assured shorthold tenancies and the main rights and rules that apply if you have this sort of tenancy.

What's an assured shorthold tenancy?

It's a tenancy for a limited period of time – usually for an initial period of six months.

Why would someone be offered an assured shorthold tenancy?

1. The home they're moving into is only for short-term housing and they're not expected to stay in the property for long.
 2. Their circumstances are due to change in the future and this change might exclude them from social housing.
 3. They might have only been given a limited right to remain in the country.
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What are the responsibilities of an assured shorthold tenant?

If you have an assured shorthold tenancy, you're responsible for:

- Paying your rent in advance and making sure your account doesn't fall into arrears,
- Keeping your property in a good condition,
- Reporting any repairs we need to do,
- Keeping to all the terms of your tenancy agreement.

Can someone move to a new home if they have an assured shorthold tenancy?

If you have an assured shorthold tenancy you can usually apply for other accommodation which suits your needs.

If you find another property to move to, you can end your assured shorthold tenancy by giving us notice in writing. This will usually be four weeks' notice.

What happens if an assured shorthold tenant wants to mutually exchange?

Unfortunately, assured shorthold tenants can't mutually exchange.

If you have any questions about your tenancy, please speak to us.

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