

# WINCHESTER SHARED HOUSING ACCREDITATION SCHEME



Winchester City Council's Shared Housing Accreditation Scheme was originally launched in 2003. It was primarily aimed at landlords wishing to market and advertise HMO's (houses in multiple occupation) for rent to students through Student Housing Services at The University of Winchester. However, the scheme is now open to all landlords who operate smaller HMOs of between 3 – 4 tenants which fall outside of the mandatory licensing requirement. It is for landlords who may wish to have their property Accredited in order to demonstrate that they are providing safe, decent and well managed houses for rent.

The Accreditation Scheme is voluntary but for applicants to join the scheme they must be able to demonstrate the following –

- That they are a 'fit and proper' person
- That the property is compliant with current housing, gas, electrical and fire safety standards

- There is sufficient provision of bathroom / kitchen amenities and that the security, furniture / furnishings, energy efficiency and property condition and management are of a good standard.

**The cost of Accreditation is listed on our website at:**

[winchester.gov.uk/housing-accreditation-scheme](http://winchester.gov.uk/housing-accreditation-scheme)

To apply for your property to be Accredited please complete the Shared housing accreditation online form.

**For further information**

contact the Private Sector Housing team on

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