



Information sheet

Bury Landlord Accreditation Scheme has been set up to reward and recognise private landlords who manage and maintain their properties to a good standard.

Developed as a partnership between Bury Council and Great Places Housing Group, the aims of the scheme are twofold. Firstly to provide more choice of better quality privately rented homes to people in housing need and secondly to improve the standard of private rented housing in the area.

In order for a property to reach accreditation standards, it must be well maintained, safe and secure and the landlord must ensure that the tenancy is properly managed.

Standards for accredited properties are set out in the scheme's Code of Practice.

By taking part in the scheme, landlords can access a number of free services such as training and information, discounts on goods and services, marketing, a referencing scheme, access to Accreditation Grants, advice on energy efficiency and improved links with Housing Benefit. Scheme members will also have a distinct marketing advantage over non-members.

Tenants will benefit from knowing that if they choose to rent from a member of the accreditation scheme, the property will be in good condition and the tenancy will be managed to a good standard.

How do I join?

Joining BLAS is straightforward, with staff from the Accreditation Team on hand to help you through the process.

You can obtain an application form either by contacting the Accreditation Co-ordinator on 0161 253 7863 or 07834 652146 or downloading one from our website www.burylas.org.uk.

Once we have received your completed application form, we will arrange for your properties to be inspected by a member of the Accreditation Team.

It is important that you let your tenants know why their home is being inspected. We have information leaflets specifically aimed at tenants to help you to do this.

If there are any repairs that you need to do to bring your property up to accreditation standard, we will write to you and let you know, giving a timescale during which the work should be done.

We will also need copies of the most recent annual Gas Safety Certificate and a copy of the tenancy agreement that you use.

Once you have met the standards you will be issued with a Certificate of Membership and given your Landlords Information Pack. You will also be able to use the scheme logo to advertise your properties and for correspondence.

We will then keep you updated on incentives and training events as well as providing you with a wide range of information and services, tailored to your requirements.

For more information on membership, contact Babette Howard, accreditation co-ordinator on 0161 253 7863 or 07834 652146, or email babette.howard@greatplaces.org.uk