

Rent in advance

What you will need to pay before accepting a tenancy



Paying rent in advance

Keeping your account clear of rent arrears is a good way to make sure you can manage your monthly rent payments and comply with the conditions of your Tenancy Agreement. Before you sign your Tenancy Agreement, it is likely that you will be asked to pay up to a maximum of four weeks rent in advance.

What if I cannot pay rent in advance?

Before you're offered a tenancy, affordability checks will be done by the relevant landlord. You will meet the landlord and complete a questionnaire about your income and expenditure. You will discuss the amount of rent to be paid in advance, following the outcome of your meeting.

Universal Credit

As new Universal Credit changes are introduced by the Government over the coming years, all benefits including Housing Benefit will be combined into one monthly payment and you will be responsible for paying your rent to the landlord.

Universal Credit will be paid in arrears and you may have to wait six weeks for your first payment.

If your rent account is paid in advance, you will have enough credit to cover this waiting time, and will avoid getting into arrears and risking losing your tenancy.

