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HOUSING IN SCOTLAND

Social Renting

[Shelter Scotland Information on Social Renting](#) - This hyperlink will take you to Shelter Scotland's information guide on renting socially in Scotland. It explains what social renting is, the types of tenure available and the differences between renting from a local authority or housing association.

Local Authorities

The list below gives details of the switchboard telephone number and the main portal for the local authorities in Scotland. To find the Housing department you will need to ask the switchboard operator for the telephone number or type 'housing' in to the search area on the website.

Registered Provider Name	Reg Addr Phone	Web Address
Aberdeen City Council	01224 522 000	www.aberdeencity.gov.uk
Aberdeenshire Council	0845 608 1207	www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk
Angus Council	08452 777 778	www.angus.gov.uk
Argyll & Bute Council	01546 602 127	www.argyll-bute.gov.uk
City of Edinburgh Council	0131 200 2000	www.edinburgh.gov.uk
City of Glasgow	0141 287 2000	www.glasgow.gov.uk
Clackmannanshire Council	01259 450 000	www.clacks.gov.uk
Comhairleanan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council)	01851 703 773	www.w-isles.gov.uk
Dumfries and Galloway Council	030 33 33 3000	www.dumgal.gov.uk
East Dunbartonshire Council	0845 045 4510	www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk
Dundee City Council	01382 434000	www.dundee.gov.uk
East Ayrshire Council	01563 576 000	www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk
East Lothian Council	01620 827 827	www.eastlothian.gov.uk
East Renfrewshire Council	0141 577 3001	www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk
Falkirk Council	01324 506 070	www.falkirk.gov.uk
Fife Council	08451 55 00 00	www.fife.gov.uk
Highland Council	0845 129 7777	www.highland.gov.uk
Inverclyde Council	01475 71 71 71	www.inverclyde.gov.uk
Midlothian Council	0131 2707 500	www.midlothian.gov.uk

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Moray Council	01343 543 451	www.moray.gov.uk
North Ayrshire Council	0845 603 0590	www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk
North Lanarkshire Council	01698 403 200	www.northlan.gov.uk
Orkney Islands Council	01865 249 811	www.orkney.gov.uk
Perth and Kinross Council	01738 475 000	www.pkc.gov.uk
Renfrewshire Council	0141 842 5000	www.renfrewshire.gov.uk
Scottish Borders Council	01835 824 000	www.scotborders.gov.uk
Shetland Islands Council	01595 693 535	www.shetland.gov.uk
South Ayrshire Council	01292 612 000	www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk
South Lanarkshire Council	01698 454 444	www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Stirling Council	0845 277 7000	www.stirling.gov.uk
West Dunbartonshire Council	01389 737 000	www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk
West Lothian Council	01506 775 000	www.westlothian.gov.uk

Housing Associations and other Charitable Housing Providers

Housing Associations and other charitable housing providers vary in size dramatically from less than 50 properties to a stock of over 40,000. They are becoming the major providers of social housing in the UK. Their objective is to provide affordable good quality homes for rent or low cost home ownership. Some are able to accept direct applications whilst others will only take nominations by a local authority.

A list of Housing Associations in Scotland is available [here](#). You are able to search by local authority area or by individual name. It will provide the website address for each Housing Association and contact details.

Shelter Scotland also have a fact sheet on this type of renting [here](#).

Private Renting

Private renting is another method of renting a home. It has positives in that you are likely to be able to find a property/room where you would like, but it has many drawbacks including short tenancy lengths, often expensive and unregulated landlords to name a few. To ensure you understand this option completely read Shelter Scotland's information [here](#). There is also information on how to search for this kind of property.

Home Ownership

If you have been able to save funds whilst serving, and/or you are expecting a gratuity on completion of service, you could be able to consider some form of home ownership. There are different levels of ownership, depending on the amount you have saved and what proportion of this contributes to your prospective house's price. Very few people are able to purchase a house outright, the most common method is to buy with the help of a mortgage. Other options include Shared Equity or Shared Ownership, this is often a purchase of a house in conjunction with a scheme run by the Scottish Government or a Housing Association. For more information you can visit Veterans Assist or the Scottish Government information site [here](#). It is recommended to seek the help and advice of an Independent Financial Advisor (IFA) when looking for a mortgage. You can find an [IFA here](#) or an alternative can be found [here](#).

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Homeless

Becoming homeless is an emergency situation, if you are at risk of becoming homeless, which you could be if you have not secured a home within 2 months of your end of service date (SLA) and your corresponding Notice to Vacate if you are in SFA you can read about what steps you can take [here](#).

Help and Assistance with Housing

Armed Forces personnel can get further housing information from: [Veterans Assist](#), or make an application for specialist charity provided housing on the Veterans Scotland [Common Housing Register](#).

Further support for disabled or injured veterans can be found at Housing Options Scotland and their [military matters](#) project.

Joint Service Housing Advice Office
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RC-AWS-JSHAO-0Mailbox@mod.uk

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