

Landlord Accreditation Scotland

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How will Landlord Accreditation Scotland work?

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Overview of the Presentation

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- Landlord Accreditation Scotland
 - Aims
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 - Landlords
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The Partnership

Partnership between:



Scottish Association of Landlords

Scottish Rural Property and Business Association

Scottish Government



Background to Accreditation

- Communities Scotland developed the ‘Scottish National Core Standards for Private Landlords’
 - Current legislation
 - Good practice
 - Common sense
- Developed in partnership
- Framework for Landlord Accreditation Scotland

Scottish Government

- Cross-Party support for Accreditation
- ‘Firm Foundations’ consultation highlighted the significant role played by the PRS
- Acknowledges and promotes existing good practice in the sector

What are the aims of LAS?

- Promote best practice in the PRS
- Improve standards in the PRS
- Facilitate working between local authorities and local landlords
- Act as a conduit between the Scottish Government and private landlords

Key Features for Landlords

- 'Badging' – marketing advantage
- Conference, seminars and training
- Regular information
 - Website
 - Newsletter
- On-line information and support
- Financial discounts
- Corporate incentives

Key Features for Tenants

Tenants can be assured that:

- Their landlord offers a 'quality' service
- Their property meets a recognised quality standard
- Any complaint will be dealt with in a professional manner

Key Features for Local Authorities

- Method of engaging with PRS
- Provide links to local landlords
- Offering 'branded' training in partnership with LAS
- Target poor landlord practice to improve standards
- Likely to meet objectives in Local Housing Strategies
- Access to a specialist private rented housing support service/network

Progress to Date (as at 18 August 2008)

- Launched 1 April 2008
- Accepting members from 1 June 2008
- Over 3,000 properties
- Properties in 24 of 32 local authority areas

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