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Landlord Accreditation Scotland is a scheme run by landlords for landlords.

It is a partnership between the Scottish Association of Landlords, the Scottish Rural Property and Business Association and the Scottish Government.

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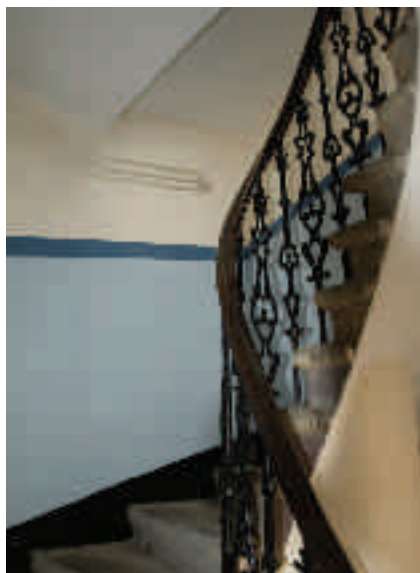
'PROMOTING BEST PRACTICE IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR IN SCOTLAND'

Looking for a way to market your property and service ahead of your competition?

By becoming an accredited landlord you will:

- Obtain a marketing advantage to show that you are operating to a higher standard than other landlords or letting agents
- Show that your services are higher than the minimum legal requirements
- Give tenants reassurance that their landlord operates high management standards

IF SO, APPLY TO BECOME A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED LANDLORD OR LETTING AGENT THROUGH LANDLORD ACCREDITATION SCOTLAND.



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What are the aims of LAS?

- Provide benefits for both landlords and tenants in the private rented sector
- Promote best practice and continuous improvement of standards in the private rented sector
- Provide tenancy advice to landlords and tenants
- Give tenants reassurance that they can expect their landlord to operate high management standards



What is accreditation?

Being awarded accredited status is a method of standing out from other landlords and letting agents and identifying yourself as operating to higher standards.

To become accredited landlords and letting agents must adhere to the 'Scottish Core Standards for Accredited Landlords' relating to the property management and physical condition of their properties. The standards can be downloaded from the LAS website:

www.landlordaccreditationscotland.com.

Landlords who already carry out good management practices will find themselves well on the way to achieving these standards.

What are the benefits of being accredited?

Benefits include:

- Nationally recognised marketing advantage
- Regular newsletter
- Website and online information
- Access to advice and guidance
- Access to training
- Landlord Services including:
 - discounted legal, accountancy and insurance services
 - access to a network of trades including electricians and gas engineers
 - discounts from national furniture, furnishing and white goods providers

How do I apply and what is involved?

Membership of LAS is free to individual landlords whilst there is a fee for lettings agents dependent on the number of properties managed.

Landlords must complete the self-certification 'Landlord Accreditation Checklist' to confirm that they are complying with the required standards. Surveys of tenants and property inspections will be carried out to ensure compliance with the standards.

To retain your accredited status you must commit to attend at least one training session per year, at a cost of £25 per delegate. Training sessions will take place throughout the year in a variety of locations. LAS is also developing training courses specifically for letting agents.

You can apply online at: www.landlordaccreditationscotland.com or contact the office to obtain a paper form.