
THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO RENT IN THE UK

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STRESS-FREE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**



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ABOUT CIRCLELET

Circlelet Properties was founded with the intent to help people in finding the most suitable accommodation according to their needs in the tricky London's Property market.

This guide has been written to help renters understanding deeply the renting process in London and all over UK.

The next few pages are designed to give you all knowledge you need about the rental market, particularly in HMOs (Houses Multiple Occupation) better known as Shared Properties.

This e-book will you you to understand what are your rights and responsibilities, as well as your Landlord's, giving you deep and precise information about the rental process.*

*All the tips & tricks included in this e-book can be applied to any rental process in the United Kingdom



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INTRODUCTION

London is one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in the world, attracting millions of visitors each year. It is also one of the most popular places to live and work, with a diverse range of neighborhoods and cultures to explore.

This guide is for people who are renting a home privately under an assured shorthold tenancy, either direct from a landlord or through a letting agency.

Most of it will equally apply if you are in a shared property but in certain cases, your rights and responsibilities will vary.

The guide does not cover lodgers (people who live with their landlord) or people with licences (such as many property guardians – see this specific guidance) – nor tenants where the property is not their main or only home.

Here are some reasons why you might want to consider renting in London and in the major cities of the UK.

- **Job Opportunities**

London is the economic heart of the UK, with a wide range of job opportunities in various industries. It's home to numerous multinational companies, start-ups, and small businesses, making it an ideal place for those seeking employment.

- **Cultural Diversity**

London is one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world, with a melting pot of cultures and nationalities. There are countless festivals, exhibitions, and events throughout the year, providing ample opportunities to explore new cultures and meet new people.

- **World-Class Education**

London is home to some of the best universities in the world, including the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge. It's also home to some of the best business schools, art schools, and music conservatories, making it an ideal place for students and young professionals.

- **Historical and Architectural Wonders**

London is home to some of the most iconic landmarks in the world, including Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, and Big Ben. It's also home to some of the most stunning architectural wonders, including St. Paul's Cathedral and the Houses of Parliament.

- **Thriving Nightlife**

London is renowned for its nightlife, with an array of bars, clubs, and pubs to suit all tastes. From trendy rooftop bars to underground jazz clubs, there's something for everyone in London's thriving nightlife scene.

- **Excellent Transport Links**

London has a comprehensive public transportation system, including the famous London Underground (the Tube), buses, and trains, making it easy to get around the city. There are also several international airports, connecting London to the rest of the world.



TIP #1

Set a budget: Determine your budget for rent and living expenses and stick to it. Keep in mind that London can be an expensive city, so make sure you have a realistic understanding of the costs.

London is a city that has a lot to offer, from job opportunities and cultural diversity to historical landmarks and a thriving nightlife.

Renting in London provides an opportunity to experience all that the city has to offer, without the commitment of buying a property.

What To Expect From The Rental Market



Renting in London and in the UK can be an exciting and rewarding experience, but it can also be challenging, especially if you're not familiar with the rental market.

Here are some things to expect when you're renting in London and in the major cities of the UK.

- **High Demand and Competition**

London's rental market is highly competitive, with a high demand for rental properties. This means that good properties can go quickly, and you may need to act fast if you see something you like.

- **High Rental Prices**

London is one of the most expensive cities in the world, and this is reflected in its rental prices. Rental prices can vary depending on the location, type of property, and the number of bedrooms, but in general, you can expect to pay a premium to rent in London.

- **Shortage of Affordable Housing**

There is a shortage of affordable housing in London, and this can make it difficult to find suitable accommodation, especially if you're on a tight budget. You may need to consider living further out from the city center or sharing a property with others to make the rent more affordable.

- **Letting Agents and Fees**

In London, it's common to use letting agents to help you find a rental property. Letting agents can be helpful in finding suitable properties and negotiating with landlords, however they cannot charge fees any longer accordingly to the latest Tenant Fee Act 2010. Be sure to ask about any fees before signing any agreements. Please note there are still a certain number of permitted fees, which will be explained in the next few pages.

- **Tenancy Agreements**

When renting in London, you will be required to sign a tenancy agreement, which outlines the terms and conditions of the tenancy. Be sure to read the agreement carefully before signing and ask any questions you may have. It protects you from illegal evictions as well as gives you some responsibilities to follow.

- **Deposit Protection Schemes**

Landlords are required by law to protect your deposit in a government-approved scheme. This ensures that you will get your deposit back at the end of the tenancy

If you've met all the conditions of the agreement. Please note that in some cases deposit may be used to cover your last month of tenancy, therefore not required to be protected on a government scheme.

This is usually called advance payment, rent in advance or further advance payment on your tenancy agreement.

- **Maintenance and Repairs**

As a tenant, you have the right to expect a certain level of maintenance and repairs to be carried out on the property.

It's the landlord's responsibility to ensure that the property is safe and in good condition, so be sure to report any issues as soon as possible.

TIP #2

Research neighborhoods: London is a diverse city with various neighborhoods offering different amenities and vibes. Research different areas to find the one that suits your lifestyle, commute, and preferences.

The rental market in London can be challenging, but with some research and preparation, you can find a suitable rental property that meets your needs and budget.

Be sure to ask questions, read agreements carefully, and work with reputable letting agents to ensure a smooth rental experience.



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