Gain partner accreditation and experience the many benefits of our landlord and property accreditation scheme that aims to improve the standard of privately rented accommodation in Welwyn and Hatfield.

Submit a simple application form

Complete the partners’ application form with your contact information and property details, and declare your commitment to our Property Rental Standards.

Undergo a fit and proper person check

Sign and return the fit and proper person declaration. The form should be signed by a Chief Executive, Principal, Partner or Director as the fit and proper test will be conducted for the signatory. A fit and proper person is defined as someone who has not committed offences involving fraud, dishonesty, violence, drugs or sexual offences and there is no evidence of the person having committed unlawful discrimination in business, contravention of housing law or breach of any applicable code of practice.

WHBC will then carry out checks of our records for example on council tax and with the housing trust, and against records by other authorities where appropriate to ensure that the information you have provided is correct.

Meet with us

We meet with you and review your management practices, how you programme, record and follow-up inspections, complaints and repairs. We also check that you are fully aware of your legal obligations. Where we feel necessary, we will inspect a random selection of the properties you manage.

Receive your accreditation

Once we are confident in your management practices, you will be awarded with partner accreditation status. You will receive a certificate and a logo that you can display on communications such as adverts and letters, as well as your shop window, to demonstrate your commitment to providing safe and good quality accommodation.

You will also receive a login to the member portal of our website through which you can promote your properties for free, and gain useful information about maintaining compliance.

Undergo training and begin accrediting your properties

Once you have received your accreditation, you will need to undergo a training course to then be able to begin accrediting your properties. We request that accredited agents accredit at least 10% of their properties each year.

FIND OUT MORE

Add value to your landlords and tenants by accrediting your properties as a PAL partner

Find out more about this University of Hertfordshire and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council scheme today at www.pal-online.org.uk/partners