

## NOCN Level 1 Award in Pre Tenancy Skills (QCF)

In partnership with the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) NOCN have created a qualification designed to support anyone who might need a little extra help when moving into their new home.

Moving into a new home should be an exciting time but for some, especially young people or anyone renting for the first time, it can be daunting too. There's a lot more to successfully running a home than picking up the keys and deciding where to put the TV.

NOCN's new course will help new or prospective tenants think about everything from budgeting and paying bills to being better neighbours.

### **Who is it aimed at?**

- It will help new housing association, council or private landlord tenants – including those on the housing waiting list
- It can give vital support to people joining or leaving the armed forces
- It will be crucial guidance to people moving into a new home after being released from long-term hospital care or prison

### **Why do the qualification?**

NOCN Level 1 Pre-tenancy qualification will help new or prospective tenants to:

- Have the confidence and practical skills to tackle the challenges involved in taking on a new tenancy
- Understand more about their rights and responsibilities they have as a tenant, and what they can expect from their landlord too

It gives tenants the chance to avoid problems, like falling into debt or causing anti-social behaviour. And it gives them the skills to deal with any tricky problems that might come up.

For landlords the benefits are fewer problems for them to deal with and they may even save themselves money chasing debt, dealing with repairs or even taking residents to court.

Changes to the Welfare Reform Act will mean that tenants will have control over their own housing benefit payments and could need more guidance to understand the full consequences of not paying their rent.

### **Why choose NOCN?**

NOCN are one of the largest awarding organisations in the UK and for nearly 30 years our network has been providing a wide range of trusted qualifications and units under the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

NOCN have worked closely with the CIH and other housing professionals such as social landlords and third sector organisations to develop this course.

To find out more about the qualification click [here](#)

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