

Combined Accommodation Assessment System: The new accommodation charging system explained

Why are we changing the system?



At the moment approx 40% of SFA occupants are paying the right charge, 55% are being undercharged, and 5% overcharged.

This is because of out of date gradings, inconsistent assessments and gradings that don't reflect refurbishments

Old system

Rents based on things like proximity to telephone boxes and post boxes



What is going to happen in 2016?

Old system

£298
£221
£135
£79

April
2016

CAAS

£298
£268
£238
£208
£179
£149
£119
£89
£59

At the top of the scale, we plan to keep the highest charge for each property type the same as the current system, but fewer people will pay it

If you were being undercharged for your quarter, we plan to increase charges gradually by no more than one CAAS band a year – that's £30 a month in the example shown (Type C houses)

Future CAAS

Rents based on things like internet access and energy efficiency



Is it still a good deal?

All extra charges will be reinvested into Service Accommodation

Civilians spend

30-40%

of pay on rent



Most Service Personnel will continue to pay about

10%

of pay on Service Accommodation



The roadmap to fairer charges

- Details released on the Combined Accommodation Assessment System
- Survey of properties
- Estimates of rent bandings sent to householders
- Final confirmation of rent bandings issued
- New charging rates come into effect



Go to <https://www.gov.uk/new-employment-model> for more info

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