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Specialist Language Courses

ESOL Housing Rights and Responsibilities



Essential language and knowledge for refugees and migrants. Updated for the Renters' Rights Act 2025

What is the course?

Housing Rights and Responsibilities in the UK is a **12-hour** ESOL course for migrants and refugees navigating the UK housing system.

It suits learners at any stage of resettlement, from those newly arrived in temporary accommodation, to those who've been in the UK for years but never had the chance to understand their housing rights formally.

Why take this course?

Many migrants and refugees have limited knowledge of UK tenancy law, and language barriers can make tenancy agreements and council correspondence hard to navigate.

The consequences can be serious: tolerating unsafe conditions, missing the chance to challenge an unlawful eviction, or failing to access early support before homelessness occurs.

This course closes that gap, teaching learners to apply housing law to their own situation, using their own tenancy agreements, landlord relationships and local councils as the context for learning.

- Housing Law
- Tenancy Agreemens
- Repairs
- Social Housing
- Homelessness
- Getting help

What does the course cover?

Delivered fully online across six sessions of two hours each, the course builds both the English language skills and the practical legal knowledge learners need to understand their rights, communicate with landlords, and access support when things go wrong.
It's interactive throughout, with pair and group work, and designed for learners at pre-intermediate English level and above.

- **Housing Law —** the structure of UK housing services: national and local government, private and social landlords, letting agencies and redress schemes
- **Tenancy Agreements —** assured periodic tenancies under the Renters' Rights Act 2025, how landlords can legally end a tenancy, rent increases, and core tenant rights including deposit protection, limits on fees and protection from illegal eviction
- **Repairs —** the landlord's legal obligations for major repairs and safety standards (gas, electrics, damp, pests), and tenants' own responsibilities
- **Social Housing —** how to access social housing, tenancy types (introductory, secure, flexible), rights of succession and anti-social behaviour rules
- **Homelessness —** how to make a homelessness application, when to seek help after an eviction notice, eligibility criteria, emergency and long-term housing options, domestic abuse provisions and immigration status requirements
- **Getting Help —** a practical guide to Citizens Advice, Shelter, Law Centres, Legal Aid and the Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service

Ready to enrol your learners? Get in touch with SLC to discuss start dates and group bookings.

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