

# HB Alerts

<b>Circular Reference:</b>		<b>A12 2010</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	Changes in registration of social housing in England	<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>Immediate</b>
<b>Summary</b> <p>The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 abolished the Housing Corporation and its responsibilities have been split between two new agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Homes and Communities Agency, dealing with investment; and</li><li>• The Tenants Services Authority, which regulates social housing.</li></ul> <p>Existing RSLs will transfer to the new TSA group and there is no change to the way claims are dealt with from tenants of those landlords. Local Authorities can also be added to the TSA by an order made by the Secretary of State. Those cases will remain as rent rebate.</p> <p>A third group will comprise of private companies and individuals that receive funding from the Homes and Communities Agency for providing some social housing. As this third group will be providing both social and non-social accommodation the properties that are classed as social accommodation need to be identified.</p> <p>The rent on their social accommodation will be calculated as at present for an RSL – full rent less any ineligible services. The rent on non-social accommodation will be subject to the LHA (or relevant scheme dependant on circumstances).</p> <p>The term Registered Social Landlord will no longer apply. There will now be non-profit Registered Providers (RSLs as we currently know them and LAs) and profit-making Registered Providers, the new third group mentioned above.</p>			
<b>Suggested Action</b> <p>Distribute to all those responsible for calculating and deciding benefit entitlement so that they are aware of the new terminology and how to deal with social housing for profit-making Registered Providers.</p>			
<b>Other References:</b>		None	