



Tenant Address Portal for Water Billing in England & Wales

# An Introduction to the Landlord TAP for New Users

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## **This Document**

This introductory document is for landlords and managing agents of tenanted residential properties who wish to find out more about the Landlord TAP. It will give you information about what the Landlord TAP can do for you, supply you with the information you need to get you started as a new user, and explain how you can obtain answers to specific queries that you might have.

## About the Landlord TAP

The Landlord and Tenant Address Portal for water billing in England and Wales, or Landlord TAP as the Portal is known, has been devised to allow landlord and managing agents to provide water companies with information about tenants who are resident at the properties they own or manage in England and Wales.

It is designed to make it easy for landlords to enter and manage tenant details of properties in their portfolios, including the specific individuals responsible for water charges, and send this information to the relevant water service providers for the property.

#### What about Security?

Information must be used in accordance with the Landlord TAP Terms of Use <u>www.landlordtap.com/document/TermsOfUse</u>) and Privacy Policy (<u>www.landlordtap.com/document/PrivacyPolicy</u>). You will be required to read and understand both documents before completing registration.

All information collected from landlords is held securely in the Landlord TAP and can only be accessed by duly authorised users. We take security very seriously, and this means that you can only access the Landlord TAP via a dedicated and verified user account. We also ensure the protection of any data you enter and only water companies who have a legitimate reason to view them can ever see details. We will never allow any use of the data you provide for marketing purposes.

#### Who is the Landlord TAP for?

The Landlord TAP is available to any landlord or managing agent who wishes to provide information about tenants to the water companies who provide services to tenanted properties that they own or manage in England and Wales.

The portal caters for four different 'types' of landlord:

- The private or corporate landlord who owns their own properties, be this a single property or a large portfolio;
- Managing agents that look after a portfolio of tenanted properties on behalf of third party owners;
- Housing associations who either own or manage properties; and
- Local authority (Council) housing departments.



#### What Does the Landlord TAP Do?

The Landlord TAP provides a range of services to landlords and managing agents, allowing you to input the following information via easy to use screens:

- Supply initial information about properties (this might be on acquisition or at a change of tenancy);
- Maintain information about tenancy dates and the tenant(s) associated with those tenancies;
- Give information regarding tenants forwarding addresses, where known;
- Provide details regarding previous and subsequent occupiers; and
- Update your portfolio where properties are no longer your responsibility.

The Landlord TAP also allows you to bulk upload your property portfolio to reduce the time spent entering information into the system.

The Landlord TAP allows you to raise queries regarding your properties, obtain portfolio reports, and maintain your contact details.

For larger organisations, it will also allow you to create and manage a number of users within your organisation, in order to make management of information easier.

Whenever you submit details about a property, the Landlord TAP will provide you with a unique transaction receipt reference; this reference is your confirmation that you have provided the relevant information to the water company.

In order to ensure we process your information quickly, each water company has provided us with Postcodes of the properties to which it provides services. This information is used to determine which water companies need to receive information that landlords or managing agents enter into the Landlord TAP. If for any reason we cannot allocate your property to the appropriate water company(s), we will let you know and work with water companies to ensure the data is sent to the right organisation as quickly as possible.

Once you have created your user account, a comprehensive Landlord User Guide will be available for you to view on-line or download from the Landlord TAP help pages.

#### How do I Get Started?

In order to begin adding property information to the Landlord TAP, you first need to create a user account. The steps for doing this are set out in "Creating Your User Account" below.

Once you have created a user account, you will have access to more help and information about creating and maintaining property records.

This user guide explains how to access this account for the first time. Once you have activated your user account, you will be able to access the range of functionality described in our online Landlords User Guide.



# **Before You Begin**

## **Finding Your Way Around**

We have designed the Landlord TAP to be as intuitive as possible for you to use. A home page will provide you with a list of the things that you most commonly need to do:



You can return to this dedicated Landlord Home Page from any other page in the Portal by simply clicking on the landlord TAP logo in the top left-hand corner of the screen or by clicking the 'Home' link.



## **Getting Help**

Every Page on the Landlord TAP has a 'Help' option in the top right menu of the screen, this will open a help section that contains answers to frequently asked questions and also links to allow you to download the Landlords User Guide.

We also provide help about specific data that we might ask for as indicated by the symbol:

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If you click on this, a 'pop-up' will appear to give you additional information. You can close this by clicking on it once you have the information you need.

Feedback messages are also provided where the information you enter isn't quite right, for example if an email address isn't in a valid format or a Postcode isn't in the right structure. Where this happens, you'll see an error message on the right-hand side of the screen.



Click on the cross at the top right of the error message to dismiss it.



If you need help at any point you can raise a query from the menu option shown, we'll get back to you as soon as we can:

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If you still can't get the help you need, every page in the Landlord TAP also has a 'Contact Us' area on the right-hand side of the page footer with our details.





#### How Can I Find Out More?

If your initial questions have not been answered in our introduction, more information can be obtained by contacting our dedicated Helpdesk, which is provided via the Landlord Portal Administration Service (LPAS).

The easiest way to contact the Helpdesk and ask more questions is to raise a query via the portal itself. This is further explained later in this introduction to the Landlord TAP.

You can also contact us by:

- Emailing the Helpdesk at support@landlordtap.co.uk; or
- By calling the dedicated Helpdesk number: 0333 5770123.

The Helpdesk is available between 9 am and 5 pm on Monday to Friday (except public holidays).

For all other matters relating to your water services, you should contact the water company shown on the bill for your property.



## **Creating Your Landlord TAP Account**

In order to use the functions available in the Landlord TAP, you will first need to create a user account.

NOTE: If someone from your organisation has already registered then ask them to create a login for you. If you register independently then you wont be able to share and see the property data.

This section guides you through the process, beginning from the Landlord TAP Welcome Page screen that you will see when entering the website address.

> This link will take you to the Help page and is available on every screen in the Landlord TAP.

landlord ( tAP LANGUAGE HELP 🗸 Tenant Address Portal for Water Billing in Figland & Wales Welcome to the Landlord and Tenant Address Portal – Landlord TAP. Landlord TAP is an easy to use website that allows Landlords and Managing Agents, of residential properties in England & Wales, to provide water companies with details of those responsible for the payment of water and/or sewerage charges for their tenanted properties Instead of needing to pick up the phone, or write to your water company, once you are registered, you may use the forms on this web site to provide the required information. This information is then passed to the relevant water company automatically, and you will receive a unique transaction receipt reference for your records This web site allows you to · Add new properties to your portfolio; Tell us about changes to tenant details, including changes of tenancy · Let us know when a property becomes empty; and · Inform us if you sell or stop managing the property. To start using Landlord TAP please register by clicking on the button below. If you have already registered please login to access your portfolio. NEW USERS Register 2 ..... @ Forgot Password? ABOUT US USEFUL LINKS CONTACT US





## Registering

When registering, you will need to provide (and confirm) your email address. This will be used as the email address that we send your activation link to and will be your user name in the Landlord TAP.

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## **Selecting the Right Account Type**

The type of account that you select will not affect the information that we ask you for, but will help your water company to understand more about you and your portfolio.

Landlords who own their own portfolio of properties, whether as an individual or a company, should select the "Private Landlord" option.

If you are managing properties on behalf of one or more third party owners, you should select the "Letting and/or Managing Agent" option.

Where you are creating an account for a local authority, you should select the "Council" option.

If you represent a Housing Association, please select the "Housing Association" option.

Whichever option you select, you will be able to add details for properties that you own and also tell us about properties which you manage on behalf of someone else if you have both in your portfolio.

If you are unsure which option to select, please contact our Helpdesk using the 'Contact Us' link in the bottom right hand corner of the screen.



# **Entering Contact Details**

Once you have entered your email address and chosen the appropriate account type, you will need to provide us with contact details for yourself, or your organisation.

	Please tell us about yourself
You will need to give us at least a First and Last Name here. This will be used if our Helpdesk or your water company needs to contact you	Title
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You must provide a contact phone number, this can	Last Name
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the name of the relevant organisation here.	
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#### **Entering Your Address Details**

Below the contact details, you will be asked to provide a contact address. This should be the address that you wish any correspondence regarding your properties to be sent to.

In most cases you will be able to simply enter your Postcode and house name/number and your address will be automatically completed when you click search. If you do not enter a house name/ number or if the one you have entered cannot be found in that postcode a drop-down list of properties in the postcode will be displayed for you to select from.

However, you can also enter the address manually by selecting 'Let me enter the address manually'.



Postcode

Please provide your contact address

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Is this an overseas address?

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#### **Confirming Your Details**

Once you have entered all your details, you will be asked how you found out about the system and will need to click the CAPTCHA check-box to prove that you are a real user. Then Click 'Register'



After you have clicked 'Register', you will see a notification on screen:





#### **Activating Your Account**

An email titled "Your Landlord TAP User Registration" will be sent to your email inbox within a few minutes of completing your registration. If you don't receive this please check your email spam filters and junk folder.





## Setting Your Password and accepting Terms of Use and Privacy Policy

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Confirm Password	You will be also be asked to read the Terms of
Please read and accept these Terms of Use to complete your registration	Use and Privacy Policy. These should be read and understood before proceeding further.
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<ul> <li>you must give Tenants sufficient notice that their personal data will be provided to and used by us and by Water Companies in accordance with these Terms of Use - from 25 May 2018 this notice must comply with the updated rules set out in the General Data Protection Regulation. You can find out more on the Information Commissioner's website here;</li> <li>you must only upload to the Landlord Portal personal data which you know is correct and up-to-date;</li> <li>you must keep your login details safe and secure and prevent any unauthorised access to the Landlord Portal; and</li> <li>you must not infringe our intellectual property rights</li> </ul>	
If you misuse the Landlord Portal or otherwise fail to comply with the Terms of Use your right to use the Portal may suspend, or terminate, automatically.	Clicking the 'Terms of Use' or 'Privacy Policy' link will launch a new window in your browser for you
If you notice any suspicious activity on your account or believe that your login details may have been compromised, your must inform us immediately.	to view and read the document.
✓ Please Tick here to confirm that you have read and accept our <b>Terms of Use</b> .	
Please Tick here to confirm that you have read and accept our <b>Privacy Policy</b> .	
Both check boxes will need to be ticked to proceed.	



### **The Landlord Home Page**

When you first activate your account, your Landlord Home Page will look like the example screen shown here.

To assist you as a registered user of the Landlord TAP, full details regarding functionality available to you are contained in the Landlord User Guide, which can be accessed via the Help pages.





### **Registering Other Users in Your Organisation**

You can invite other users in your organisation to use LTAP so that you can all have access to the system and can share the Property Portfolio details. Users who are part of the organisation must be invited to join LTAP by the user who first registers the organisation.

To do this you should click the 'Add +' link to the right of the Users button (or the Add New User menu option):

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		Phone Number			account and set a password.
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## **Raising a Query**

Whilst this New User Guide should provide you with most of the information that you need to create your user account and access the Landlord TAP, on occasion there might be specific questions that you would like to ask us before registering. You can raise queries via the 'Raise Query' link on the Help Information page, even before you are registered as a user.

We've shown you the query form in two parts to help make it easier to provide you with information about filling it in.

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