



Where does the law define “specified accommodation”?

Basic info

“Specified accommodation” is defined in two places:

- In paragraph 3A of Schedule 1 to the Universal Credit Regulations 2013
- In Regulation 75H of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006

The purpose of the Universal Credit definition is to prevent an award of Universal Credit from including any help with housing costs where the claimant lives in specified accommodation: instead, the claimant must claim Housing Benefit.

The purpose of the Housing Benefit definition is to ensure that the Housing Benefit award does not count towards the Benefit Cap.