How will my UK SFA be assessed under CAAS ?

Condition -

DH+/DH/DH-

SFA properties that meet the following criteria will be deemed to be a Decent Home (DH):

- It meets the statutory minimum standard for housing;
- It is in a reasonable state of repair (assessed from the age and condition of a range of features);
- It has reasonably modern facilities and services (assessed according to age, size and layout/location);
- It has a reasonable degree of thermal comfort. This is assessed using the Government's Standard Assessment Procedure for measuring energy efficiency.
- Properties that exceed or fall short of this standard will be graded as DH+ or DH-.

Scale -

Upper/Middle/Lower

The scale element of CAAS is based on size and features.

- Upper scale means that your home meets the current size standard and your charge will be reduced if your SFA has a:
- Reduced overall floor are or reduced usable space (measured by industry standards) or
- A lack of key features (e.g. shower, washing machine space etc.)

Location -

Urban/Intermediate/Remote

Location is assessed using individual property post codes, based on the following criteria:

- Accessibility to 8 key amenities shown above.
- Broadband will be assessed against the national average speed using Ofcom data.
- Deprivation will be assessed using DCLG data.

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 CAAS Bandings issued on a rolling basis
- New charging rates come into effect

Go to **http://www.gov.uk/new-employment-model** or search CAAS on the Defence Intranet for more information.

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