

propertymark QUALIFICATIONS

LEVEL 6 AWARD IN
RESIDENTIAL LETTING AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
(SCOTLAND)

QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATION

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QUALIFICATION PURPOSE

The Level 6 Award in Residential Letting and Property Management (Scotland) is an introductory qualification ideal for candidates wanting to gain basic knowledge in the key areas related to Residential Lettings in Scotland.

STRUCTURE

- Health and Safety, Security and General Law (SCOM1)
- Legal Aspects of Letting and Management (SRLPM2)
- Residential Property Letting Practice (SRLPM3)
- Residential Property Management Practice (SRPM4)

ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE

Assessment Guidance is provided to amplify the learning objective and/or assessment criterion as relevant and enable national or industry specific information and requirements to be noted.

OTHER INFORMATION

This qualification is accepted for membership by ARLA Propertymark. If you have any queries regarding ARLA Propertymark membership, then please contact them directly.

QUALIFICATION SUMMARY AND KEY INFORMATION

Approved age ranges	16 – 18 19 +
Assessment	Onscreen assessment Paper based assessment under special circumstances and arrangements
Total Qualification Time	120
Grading information	Pass or Fail
Entry requirements	n/a

QUALIFICATION UNITS

The unit titles and unit codes will appear at examination booking stage and on certification.

Candidates wishing to complete the Level 6 Award in Residential Letting and Property Management (Scotland) are required to pass the four units listed below. Once all four units have been passed, Propertymark Qualifications will provide certification for the full qualification. Units can be completed in any order.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Reference
SCOM1	Health and Safety, Security and General Law (SCOM1)	TBC
<p>This unit is about understanding the general concepts of law relevant to a property professional. It deals with the historical development of the law as well as current concepts, relevant statute and common law. It is designed to enable property professionals to understand and carry out their duties to colleagues, customers and the general public. Health, safety and security issues are also covered including the legislation and best practice issues relevant to property professional in their duties within and outside their office when dealing with colleagues and customers and making necessary visits to other locations.</p>		
Learning Outcome <i>The Candidate should be able to:</i>	Assessment Criteria <i>The Candidate must:</i>	Assessment Guidance
1. Understand health and safety at work legislation and its relevance in and out of the workplace.	1.1 Identify the duties of employers 1.2 Identify the duties of employees 1.3 Select correct procedures for carrying out a risk assessment for appointments and visits.	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with the Health and Safety at Work Act etc. 1974.
2. Understand the issues around keeping safe when visiting property and maintaining a secure system when dealing with keys.	2.1 Select appropriate procedures when securing property 2.2 Recognise a safe and secure set of procedures for dealing with keys 2.3 Identify how to ensure personal safety away from the office	
3. Understand the general legal concepts relating to the provision of property services	3.1 Recognise the different divisions of the law 3.2 Distinguish between common law and equity 3.3 Identify the remedies available under the law	
4. Understand the common law duties of agents and agents' authority	4.1 Identify the common law duties owed to clients 4.2 Identify the duties that apply to customers 4.3 Differentiate between the different types of authority to act and the relevant obligations	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with express authority, ratification, personal bar, agent of necessity.
5. Understand the basic elements of the law of contract	5.1 Identify the elements needed for a contract to exist 5.2 Interpret situations where a contract will have to come to an end 5.3 Select appropriate remedies where there is a breach of contract 5.4 Define the special requirements relating to contracts relating to land and property	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with: the formation of a contract (offer and acceptance); discharge of a contract (agreement and breach); Remedies (damages, specific implements, interdicts, rectification) and specific rules relating to contracts for land and property transactions
6. Understand the basic elements of liability outside the law of contract.	6.1 Identify the elements needed for liability to be proved 6.2 Recognise situations where vicarious liability may apply 6.3 Identify situations where occupiers' liability may be relevant	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with negligence, occupiers' liability and vicarious liability.
7. Understand the basic concepts of land law	7.1 Distinguish between the types of tenure 7.2 Identify the distinguishing features of rights over the land belonging to another person 7.3 Recognise situations where such a right may exist 7.4 Interpret when those rights will pass with property	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar in the ways in which land can be held (ownership, tenanted, rights to occupy short of a tenancy: rights over the land of others (real burden or servitude).
8. Understand the basic concepts of discrimination	8.1 Identify what are protected characteristics 8.2 Analyse circumstances when the discrimination may or may not occur	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with the current legislation Equality Act 2010.

	8.3 Select the appropriate remedies where discrimination has occurred	
9. Understand the requirements of the data protection legislation	<p>9.1 Recognise the data protection principles laid down in the legislation</p> <p>9.2 Analyse situations to show compliance with data protection principles</p> <p>9.3 Distinguish between those who can and who cannot be given protected data</p>	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with current data protection legislation.
10. Understand the requirements of the legislation dealing with the handling of money	<p>10.1 Analyse situations that may be deemed suspicious</p> <p>10.2 Identify the procedures needed to comply with the legislation</p> <p>10.3 Apply legislative requirement to possible suspicious situations</p>	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with the current legislation such as The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Reference
SRLPM2	Legal Aspects of Letting and Management Scotland	
<p>This unit concerns the law that is specific to carrying out the letting and management of residential property. It stresses the importance of the agent knowing, understanding and complying with common law and legislation concerned with the granting, administration, financial management and termination of the various types of residential tenancies.</p>		
Learning Outcome <i>The Candidate should be able to:</i>	Assessment Criteria <i>The Candidate must:</i>	Assessment Guidance
1. Understand the common elements of agreements to occupy residential properties	1.1 Identify the different types of agreements for occupying residential property in the private rented sector 1.2 Differentiate between market rents and rents which are subject to control.	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Housing (Scotland) Act 1987; Housing (Scotland) Act 1988, Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 and the different types of occupancy agreements.
2. Understand the requirements for regaining possession of let property and the protection available to the occupier	2.1 Apply the common law rules for regaining possession to a range of different circumstances 2.2 Apply the rules for regaining possession under statute 2.3 Summarise the protections given to occupiers	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with: Housing (Scotland) Act 1988, and grounds and Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016
3. Understand the statutory regulations of landlords and agents	3.1 Identify the ways in which information must be provided to an occupier 3.2 Identify the methods of controlling the activities of landlords and agents	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 s327 and Codes of Practice and Housing (Scotland) 2006 Repairing Standard, and Enforcement Order and Housing (Scotland) Act 2014.
4. Understand the fitness standards for dwellings and the responsibility for repair	4.1 Summarise the requirements for a residential property to be deemed fit for letting 4.2 Apply the legislation to determine a landlord's repairing responsibilities. 4.3 Apply legislation and common law to determine remedies available to landlords and occupiers for disrepair	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 Repairing Standard and Enforcement Order and Codes of Practice, s327 and s328
5. Understand the requirements for safety in let property	5.1 Identify the matters that are covered by safety legislation and other guidance 5.2 Apply the relevant matters to a range of specific circumstances	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with safety in properties: fire regulations; gas safety regulations; electrical regulations; furniture and furnishing regulations; legionella and deleterious materials and the differences between landlord and agent responsibilities.
6. Understand the legislation relating to Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)	6.1 Apply the legislative tests to determine if a property is a HMO 6.2 Apply the legislative powers of enforcement authorities to determine action in a defined scenario relating to repair or licensing	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004, Housing Act 2006 (HMOs) basic standards, licensing, landlord registration; Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011
7. Understand the legal requirements relating to tenancy deposits	7.1 Interpret common law and statutory requirements covering the handling and protection of tenancy deposits	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Housing (Scotland) Act 1987; Housing (Scotland) Act 1988, Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 and the different types of occupancy agreements.

<p>8. Understand consumer and business protection legislation applicable to residential letting</p>	<p>8.1 Apply the requirements of consumer and business protection legislation to define scenarios</p> <p>8.2 Apply the requirements to give a cooling off period to a range of situations where landlord instructions are taken</p> <p>8.3 Apply the rules to determine what is and what is/is not an unfair term.</p>	<p>Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with: Housing (Scotland) Act 1988, and grounds and Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016</p>
<p>9. Understand the key requirements of any transactional tax relating to residential property</p>	<p>9.1 Apply the regulations for transactional tax to a range of typical situations</p>	<p>Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with the Land and Building Transactional Tax (LBTT)</p>
<p>10. Understand the main criteria relating to the regulation of insurance based activities</p>	<p>10.1 Apply the insurance related regulations to range of defined scenarios</p>	<p>Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Consumer Credit Act 1974 and Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and dealing with claims.</p>

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Reference
SRLPM3	Residential Property Letting Practice Scotland	
<p>This unit deals with how letting agents should conduct themselves when carrying out the letting of residential property in order to comply with all relevant statute, common law and principles of best practice. It covers the agent's actions within and outside the office when dealing with landlords, tenants and colleagues and visiting residential properties. It includes the appropriate practices an agent should adopt in the taking and confirming of clients' instructions, the finding of tenants and the preparation of appropriate documentation.</p>		
Learning Outcome <i>The Candidate should be able:</i>	Assessment Criteria <i>The Candidate must:</i>	Assessment Guidance
1. Understand the main principles of agency terms and agent's authority	1.1 Summarise standard agency services for introduction only, let and rent processing or a full management service 1.2 Distinguish between standard agency services and additional agency services requiring additional fees 1.3 Apply the legislation relating to 'To Let' boards to specified circumstances	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with express appointment, ratification, personal bar and agent of necessity.
2. Understand the market appraisal process and the main factors affecting property rental value	2.1 Summarise the factors affecting property value 2.2 Identify the information required about the property and the landlord 2.3 Summarise advice to landlords regarding insurance 2.4 Summarise factors related to finance, costs and tax in relation to buy-to-let property	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with the types of factors such as location, property type, condition and other physical factors on value and be able to apply logical adjustments to comparable lettings to reflect the differences between properties, state of the market and the requirements of the landlord.
3. Understand the requirements for energy performance certificates for let property	3.1 Summarise the rules for the provision of EPCs for property to let 3.2 Apply the criteria to determine if a property requires an EPC or not	
4. Understand the agent's responsibilities to the landlord and applicants	4.1 Apply the various common duties, codes of practice and legislation requirements to defined situations 4.2 Apply these duties to scenarios dealing with service and fee details, the need for client accounts, referencing, managing property and dealing with keys and security	
5. Understand the requirements for dealing with offers and the referencing of applicants and guarantors	5.1 Summarise the process with dealing with offers 5.2 Identify any special requirements an applicant may have 5.3 Summarise the responsibilities of guarantors 5.4 Apply the obligations to consider reasonable adjustments in defined scenarios	
6. Understand the process of preparing tenancy documentation	6.1 Identify the documents that are required when creating an occupational agreement 6.2 Summarise what clauses are required to protect the landlord's and tenant's interests and comply with common law legislation 6.3 Clarify the information to be contained in inventories and schedules of condition 6.4 Identify the information that must be given to an occupier	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with associated documentation such as inventories, schedules of condition, safety records and clauses; such as irritancy clauses, deposit clauses, repairing and maintenance obligations; non-standard additional clauses
7. Understand the requirements of the housing benefit system and local housing allowance	7.1 Apply the entitlement criteria to defined scenarios relating to housing benefit or local housing allowance 7.2 Determine when housing benefit or local housing allowance can be clawed back and when it cannot	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Universal Credit.

<p>8. Understand the procedures to be followed when handing over a property to a new tenant</p>	<p>8.1 Summarise the various information and documentation that should be given to relevant parties at the start of the tenancy</p> <p>8.2 Apply best practice when agency instructions are withdrawn and a new agent is appointed</p>	<p>Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with The Tenant Information Packs (Assured Tenancies) (Scotland) amendment Order 2013.</p>
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Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Reference
SRLPM4	Residential Property Management Practice Scotland	
<p>This unit deals with how letting agents should conduct themselves when carrying out the management of residential property in order to comply with all relevant statute, common law and principles of best practice. It covers the agent's actions within and outside the office when dealing with landlords, tenants and colleagues and visiting residential properties. It also includes dealing with repair and maintenance and the appointment of contractors related to residential properties and the problems associated with the management of let property and with any duties an agent may have after the end of a tenancy including dispute resolution procedures.</p>		
Learning Outcome <i>The Candidate should be able to:</i>	Assessment Criteria <i>The Candidate must:</i>	Assessment Guidance
1. Understand client accounting procedures	1.1 Apply common law, codes of practice and contractual requirements to the processing of client monies 1.2 Identify practices and procedures for dealing with non-residential landlord monies 1.3 Apply best practice procedures to dealing with arrears	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Finance Act 1995, Financial Services Act 2000 and Finance Act 2011 relating to payments: fees and charges and be able to apply common law codes of practice and contractual requirements and tax implications relating to overseas landlords.
2. Understand the issues surrounding the management of repairs and maintenance of let property	2.1 Distinguish between the landlord's and the tenant's responsibilities in respect of repair to let property 2.2 Analyse contractual documents and warranties to determine responsibility for undertaking and paying for repairs and maintenance 2.3 Apply best practice when qualifying and instructing contractors 2.4 Summarise best practice relating to periodic visits of let property	
3. Understand the need for statutory consents relating to development	3.1 Apply correct criteria to determine if a particular consent is required 3.2 Apply the legislation relating to enforcement to defined circumstances	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with distinguishing between what can and cannot be done relating to insurance claims in specified circumstances and Town and Country Planning (Scotland) 1997 and Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 relating to development, enforcement, conservation area and listed building consents and agent's board.
4. Understand matters relating to breaches of tenancy agreements	4.1 Apply contractual and statutory procedures in order for action to be taken where a landlord or tenant is in breach	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Housing and Property Chamber First-Tier Tribunal Scotland dispute resolution procedures and redress schemes.
5. Understand the procedures to be followed when tenancy agreements are extended, renewed or terminated	5.1 Summarise the options available to a landlord when a tenancy agreement is coming to an end 5.2 Apply contractual and statutory procedures to bring a tenancy to an end 5.3 Apply contractual and legislative procedures relating to initiating and concluding rent reviews	
6. Understand the legal provisions covering issues relating to damages at the end of a tenancy	6.1 Summarise the main contents of an inventory and schedule of condition report 6.2 Apply best practice and legal principles to the check-in and check-out procedures 6.3 Apply the common law provisions relating to fair, wear and tear to assessments of damage claims	

	6.4 Apply legislation and best practice to dealings with tenants' abandoned goods	
7. Understand the legislation relating to environmental matters.	7.1 Apply legislative provisions to seek remedies relating to environmental issues as they apply to a letting agent	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Environmental Protection Act 1990' Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004; Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 and Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011.
8. Understand best practice guidelines relating to dispute resolution	8.1 Distinguish between statutory and voluntary dispute resolution procedures 8.2 Summarise the powers and procedures of the redress schemes	Candidates in Scotland should be familiar with Housing and Property Chamber First-Tier Tribunal Scotland and dispute resolution procedures and redress schemes.

ASSESSMENT

Propertymark Qualifications offers two methods of assessment:

- Onscreen assessment at a Pearson Vue Test Centre
- Paper Based assessment under special circumstances and arrangements at approved Propertymark Qualifications centres. Centres should refer to the centre guidance document for further details.

Health and Safety, Security and General Law (SCOM1)	
Assessment Details	Multiple Choice Exam 30 minutes
Number of questions	20
Assessment availability	On Demand
First assessment availability	January 2018
Pass Mark	70%

Legal Aspects of Letting and Management (SRLPM2)	
Assessment Details	Multiple Choice Exam 30 minutes
Number of questions	20
Assessment availability	On Demand
First assessment availability	January 2018
Pass Mark	70%

Residential Property Letting Practice (SRLPM3)	
Assessment Details	Multiple Choice Exam 30 minutes
Number of questions	20
Assessment availability	On Demand
First assessment availability	January 2018
Pass Mark	70%

Residential Property Management Practice (SRLPM4)	
Assessment Details	Multiple Choice Exam 30 minutes
Number of questions	20
Assessment availability	On Demand
First assessment availability	January 2018
Pass Mark	70%

Individual Learners - Onscreen assessment (external assessment)

Individual candidates are required to complete all examinations at approved test centres. Examinations may be taken at any time of the year by arrangement with the test centres.

All test centres offering onscreen assessment must comply with the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) document Instruction's for the Conduct of Examinations (ICE). Each centre is fully compliant with the Propertymark Qualifications policies and procedures. To view the list of test centres available, please visit the Propertymark Qualifications website.

REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION

Individual Candidates

Candidates are required to register for the qualification by completing the online registration form on the Propertymark Qualifications website. Once registered candidates will be able to log into the Propertymark Qualifications website to view their profile and book examinations.

Candidates who achieve all four units of the qualification will receive:

- a qualification pass letter informing the candidate of the dates they achieved each unit within the qualification and percentage scored within ten working days.
- a certificate for the full qualification within 20 working days.

Recognised Centres

Separate arrangements exist for candidate registration and certification at Recognised Centres. Centre Administrators should refer to the Centre Guidance document for further information.

Candidates who are being entered for this qualification by a Propertymark Qualifications Recognised Centre should refer to their centre for guidance on registration and certification procedures.

REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES

If a certificate is misplaced, lost or stolen and a replacement is required then the candidate will need to complete a Replacement Certificate Request form. To complete this form please visit the Propertymark Qualifications website.

ENQUIRIES AND APPEALS POLICY

Propertymark Qualifications make provision for candidates to make an enquiry into or appeal against an assessment decision. To find out more, please visit the Propertymark Qualifications website.

EXEMPTION POLICY

Qualifications and units awarded by Propertymark Qualifications and other awarding bodies, where relevant, may be used to gain exemptions from units of qualifications offered by Propertymark Qualifications under certain circumstances. For further information please visit the Propertymark Qualifications website.

LEARNING MATERIALS

Learning materials are available from third party suppliers. For further information please visit the Propertymark Qualifications website.