## Universal Credit Landlord Portal: Requesting an Alternative Payment Arrangement or Third Party Deductions

The Universal Credit Landlord Portal allows you to verify a tenants rent, apply for an Alternative Payment Arrangement (APA), as well as a number of other additional features.

This guidance is intended to support Landlords in requesting an APA or Third Party Deductions (TPD) for recovery of Arrears.

## Who Can Carry Out This Action?

Only users who have been assigned the user role **Provide Tenancy Details** will be able to carry out this action.

**Note:** You will only be able to request APAs via the Portal for claims visible on the Portal. All other APAs should be requested via the Apply For Direct Rent Payments (ADRP) process: (<u>https://directpayment.universal-credit.service.gov.uk/</u>).

## Actions to Request an APA or Third Party Deductions

Access your list of tenants via the 'Tenants' list tab.

Universal Credit To-do list Tenant	s Users Properties
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Filter by	Showing <b>5</b> out of <b>5</b> results.
Keyword	Provide tenancy details New claim   Tom Jones   SM5 2RT   added 20 March 2019

Search for the Tenant and select from the list of results

Tenants	_	
Search Tom Jones Submit		
Name	Address	Reference
<u>Tom Jones</u>	10 victoria street London SM5 2RT	1234567
Joe Bloggs	19 victoria street London SM5 2RT	123456

To apply for an APA or recover of arrears, select **Request alternative payment** arrangement or rent arrears deduction

Tenancy	Actions		
Tom Jones			
	Your tenant reference	1234567	
	Address	10 victoria street London SM5 2RT	
20	Verification status	Housing details verified on 18 August 2020	
Request alternative	e payment arrangement or re	ent arrears deduction	

Note that if an APA has been requested by the tenant, or by a Universal Credit Work Coach or Case Manager, this request will be visible in the Portal.

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Request alternative pay Simpson	ment arrangement or deduction for Bart
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What are you requesting?	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
Managed payment to landlord	1
Deduction for rent arrears	
More frequent payments to claimant	_1

Select the type of request

- 1. Managed Payment to landlord
- 2. Deduction for rent arrears
- 3. More frequent payments to claimant

Prore nequent payments to ctaimant
Tier 1 reasons for request
Select all that apply.
1.1 Drug/alcohol and/or other addiction problems e.g. gambling
1.2 Learning difficulties including problems with literacy and/or numeracy
1.3 Severe/multiple debt problems
1.4 In temporary and/or supported accommodation
1.5 Homeless
1.6 Domestic violence/abuse
I.7 Mental health condition
I.8 Currently in rent arrears/threat of eviction/repossession
1.9 Claimant is young: a 16/17 year old and/or a care leaver
10 Families with multiple and complex needs

Select the relevant Tier 1 or Tier 2 reasons for requesting the APA (more information on the APA criteria can be found in the <u>Alternative Payment Arrangements Guide</u>).

You will be prompted to include relevant information relating to the current arrears levels, along with any other relevant information.

Universal Credit To-do list Tenants Users Properties Payments	Southwark Agent: Sign out
How much does the tenant owe in rent arrears?	
Have you discussed this request with your tenant?	
Yes No	

Finally, you will be prompted to include your contact information.

Universal Credit To-do list Tenants Users Properties	Southwark landlord: <b>Sign out</b>
Yes No	
Your details	
We might want to discuss this request or tell you about our decision.	
Phone number	
0794444444	
Email address	
southwark@example.com	

If the Portal does not hold a Tenancy Reference Number (this should be your unique reference number that you use to identify the tenant, you will be prompted to provide one at this stage.

Phone number	
0794444444	
Email address	
southwark@example.com	
Tenant reference number	
Submit	
Back	

Note that if the tenancy reference number is incorrect, you should change it via the **Tenants** view, you will not be able to amend an incorrect number as part of the process of applying for an APA or Arrears.

Once you have completed the process, the following information will be visible in the Tenancy Actions screen.

Universal Credit To-do list Tenants	Users Properties Payments	Southwark Agent: Sign out
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Tenancy Actions		
Fortress Maximus		
Your tenant reference	12345678920	
Address	10 victoria street London SM5 2RT	
Verification status	Housing details verified on 29 June 2020	