

# Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)

## **New legislation comes into effect 1 October 2018**

**All Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) with five or more occupants will need to be licensed.**

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If you are a landlord of a property with five or more occupants who are not from a single family you must apply for a licence before 1 October 2018.

Previously this type of property only required a licence if it consisted of three or more storeys but changes from central government mean that now all properties with five or more occupants will need to be licensed.

**If you are in any doubt about whether these changes apply to you or for more information please contact the Private Sector Housing team:**

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**For further information and the HMO licence application form go to [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) and search 'private landlords'.**

