FAQ’s - Tenants

1. **How does RAS work?**

Under RAS your local authority will help secure a longer contract of tenancy with your existing landlord and will pay rent directly to the landlord on your behalf. You will still pay rent but you will pay it to the local authority, not to your landlord. The rent you pay will be Differential Rent.

1. **How will RAS benefit you?**

RAS will give you longer-term housing security. RAS will also ensure that the quality and standard of your private rented accommodation is adequate. Unlike Rent Supplement you may take up employment when on RAS. If you get a job you can stay in the scheme but your rent will be reassessed based on your new income.

1. **Who will qualify for RAS?**

You will qualify for the scheme as an In Situ Tenant if you have been receiving Rent Supplement for a minimum of 18 months and you have been assessed by the local authority as having a long-term housing need.

1. **Does RAS affect my rights as a tenant?**

No, tenancies funded by the Rental Accommodation Scheme are governed by The Residential Tenancies Amended Act, 2016.

1. **How Do I Apply?**

Landlords must initiate the RAS application in South Dublin County Council. Please direct your landlord to [Rental Accommodation Scheme for Landlords](http://www.fingalcoco.ie/housing/leasing-initiatives/rental_accommodation_scheme_for_landlords/)