

Important Definitions

1. The following storeys shall be taken into account when checking whether the HMO or any part of it comprises three storeys or more:-
 - (a) any basement (*see definition of basement below*) if:-
 - (i) it is used wholly or partly as living accommodation;
 - (ii) it has been constructed, converted or adapted for use wholly or partly as living accommodation;
 - (iii) it is being used in connection with and as an integral part of the HMO; or
 - (iv) it is the only or principal entry in to the HMO from the street.
 - (b) any attic if:-
 - (i) it is used wholly or partly as living accommodation;
 - (ii) it has been constructed, converted or adapted for use wholly or partly as living accommodation;
 - (iii) it is being used in connection with and as an integral part of the HMO; or
 - (c) where the living accommodation is situated in a part of a building above business premises, each storey comprising the business premises (*see definition of business premises below*);
 - (d) where the living accommodation is situated in a part of a building below business premises, each storey comprising the business premises;
 - (e) any mezzanine floor which is used wholly or mainly as or in connection with living accommodation; and
 - (f) any other storey that is used wholly or partly as living accommodation or in connection with or an integral part of the HMO.
2. "Basement" means a storey that is below the ground floor.
3. "Business premises" means premises or any part of a premises which are not or are not used in connection with or as an integral part of living accommodation.