

Include Premier Guarantee in your Employer's requirements to make sure you're getting the best quotations on the Market.

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Changes to your Employer's Requirements

Following Zurich Building Guarantee's recent announcement of their withdrawal from the structural warranty market, Housing Associations should make sure that their Employer's Requirements documents are updated in line with this change.

Your Employer's Requirements documents are likely specify which warranty providers your builders should use to provide structural warranties and this might include Zurich Building Guarantee. If it does, you should remove them from your documents, and if we're not already listed, include Premier Guarantee to make sure your builders are getting you the best possible quotations available on the market.

Homes and Communities Association approval means using Premier Guarantee on your developments will not affect any funding you receive, and you'll also benefit from a range of additional benefits:

- Free road and sewer bonds, with no penalties for late completion (subject to status)
- Streamlined, cost-effective Building Control service
- The only provider to offer you a single site surveyor for warranty, Building Control and Code for Sustainable Homes assessments
- Choice of 10-12 year cover
- All social housing rated on reconstruction rather than sale costs regardless of tenancy
- Comprehensive range of regulatory services



SFHA Annual Conference

Premier Guarantee are the main sponsor at this year's Scottish Federation of Housing Associations annual conference, to be held on the 2nd December at St Andrews Golf Course.

This year's SFHA Development Conference will hear arguments for the need to increase the proportion of government spending on housing and consider possible alternative ways to fund affordable housing.

For further information, visit the SFHA website, www.sfha.co.uk.

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HCA Approve Premier Guarantee for Social Housing

Over the past couple of months we've been contacted by some of our clients who wanted more information on the acceptance of our warranties by the Homes and Communities Agency. With the number of social housing developments on the rise, we thought we would outline the position of the HCA.

It's always been a myth that the HCA promote the use of individual warranty providers, in fact, as long as the warranty provider you use is approved by the CML – as Premier Guarantee is – the HCA will endorse their use on Social Housing Developments.

In a statement from the HCA, we were informed that “the HCA does not differentiate between any warranty provider”.

We worked with Premier Guarantee on our Lomond Drive development in Falkirk and they provided high levels of customer service and technical expertise. We look forward to working with Premier Guarantee on our future developments.

Hazel Boyd,
Link Housing Association

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION

In a similar vein to our HCA approval, we're also fully accepted in Scotland too. In an excerpt taken directly from the Scottish Government's guidelines for Social Housing developments, they state:

The grant provider will accept NHBC Buildmark, Zurich and Premier Guarantee third party warranty schemes cover; or such other third party warranty scheme as may be acceptable in terms of the Council of Mortgage Lenders' Handbook for Scotland.

With Zurich's recent withdrawal from the market, there's even more reason to use Premier Guarantee on your next development.

