



Minimum Housing Standards New and Current Tenancies



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- Structurally sound property with all included fixtures and fittings in good repair
- Secure and functioning locks or latches on all external doors and windows that can be reached without a ladder
- Vermin, damp and mould free*
- Provide curtains/coverings for windows to bathroom and bedrooms if required
- Functioning plumbing and drainage, such as hot and cold water and flushable toilets
- Provide a cooktop and oven

**Note: This does not include cases where vermin, damp or mould has been caused by the tenant.*

Stage 1 – What’s happened so far effective 1st September 2023

The Housing Legislation Amendment Act 2001 (HLA Act) amended the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 to progress Stage 1 of Queensland’s rental law reform.

The recent amendments have improved safety, security and certainty for the Queensland rental market, clearly define how a tenancy can end and strengthened protections for renters. It also clearly defines the process for renters regarding pets as well as the process of ending a tenancy if a tenant is experiencing domestic and family violence.

Stage 2 – What’s Proposed next, effective 1st September 2024

Priority Issues for Discussion include

- Installing modifications
- Making minor personal changes
- Balancing privacy and access – Better balance renters’ rights to privacy with owners’ need for information to inform their investment decisions
- Improving the rental bond process – Ensure rental bond settings provide appropriate security and parties are transparent and accountable for their bond claims
- Fairer fees and charges – Ensure rent payment, utility and reletting fees and charges are fair and reasonable

References

[Rental law changes | Residential Tenancies Authority \(rta.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.rta.qld.gov.au/)

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[Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008 \(legislation.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/acts/2008/10/residential-tenancies-and-rooming-accommodation-act-2008)

