
Topic 1 – Introduction to renting a property in NSW

Looking for a place to rent takes time. There's a lot to think about and learn, especially if you're a first-time renter.

When you rent a home in NSW you become a tenant.

In Australia tenants have rights and responsibilities.

Knowing your rights and responsibilities before renting will help you resolve any differences with your landlord, real estate agents, house-mates or neighbours.

The first thing to consider when looking for a place to live is how much you can afford to spend on rent.

There are many types of properties to choose from.

You just need to decide which best suits you and your family.

A house with a garden, a townhouse or a block of units that is may be closer to transport.

Think about getting to work, shopping centres, schools and medical centres.

You also need to think about the area you want to live in. Some areas have cheaper rental properties.

The rent cost will depend on the type of property you want to rent, and the location you want to live in.

You will have to pay rent either weekly or fortnightly.

So, check your income and budget for what you can afford to pay after buying food and other groceries and other living expenses.

Different states in Australia have different laws about renting.

Fair Trading provides tenancy information and assistance for tenants, landlords and agents in NSW. It is also the government agency that holds rental bonds and regulates Real Estate Agents in NSW.

For more information on tenants rights and responsibilities visit the Fair Trading website on www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au or phone 13 32 20.

If you need language assistance ring 13 14 50.

So are you ready to rent your home?