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RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES AUTHORITY (RTA)

The RTA oversees the laws governing rental leases and rental properties in Queensland.

The law provides tenants, landlords and agents with an understanding of their rights and responsibilities when renting. The RTA publication "Renting a home – a tenant’s guide to the rules of renting in Queensland" is essential reading for all new tenants.

Receive advice on:
- What to do when you are starting a tenancy
- Your tenant rights and legal responsibilities
- How to ensure to get your full bond back
- What to do if you have a problem or grievance whilst renting

Phone: 1300 366 311
Website: www.rta.qld.gov.au

TENANTS QUEENSLAND

The Tenants Queensland can be a great ally if you find yourself in a difficult accommodation or rental situation. TO offers excellent telephone advice and useful publications that are available in several languages.

Phone: 1300 744 263
9am - 5pm (Mon - Fri) extended hours until 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday
Website: www.tenantsqld.org.au
Email: mail@tenantsqld.org.au
* tenancy advice is not available via email

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

Residential Colleges normally provide students with a single bedroom with study desk, shared bathrooms, common rooms and a dining hall.

Meals are usually provided at set times and residents are encouraged to become part of the college community. Students with special dietary requirements should check with the college.

Students are expected to stay for at least one semester. Some college residences provide kitchen facilities so students can choose to cook their own meals.

ACCOMMODATION SCAM ALERT

When searching for suitable accommodation, you may come across accommodation listings that appear suspicious.

While many accommodation listings are genuine, unfortunately from time to time, people come across scams (being conned). We advise you to be aware and take pre-caution when searching for accommodation to avoid being scammed.

Note: NEVER pay money or give ID details either online or to anyone without first meeting them and seeing the premise – regardless of how urgent or important it is to secure your accommodation.

Scammers can be males or females of any age and provide all sorts of reasons to rent out the accommodation. They may even place pretty photos to attract people to the scam.

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SORTING OUT YOUR NEEDS
Finding accommodation is dependent on what is most important to you.

Some questions you should be asking yourself include:
- How flexible is my budget?
- Do I need meals provided?
- Can I share a house with others?
- Does it have to be fully-furnished?
- Close to major shopping centres?
- Do I need full security?
- Close to campus?

See Info Sheet: Money Matters to figure out a workable budget.

Once you know what preferences are most important to you, decide on the type of accommodation that best suits your needs.

Be prepared to be flexible and change your preferences according to the accommodation available at that time.

ASSESSING AVAILABLE VACANCIES

The Accommodation Office can give you a realistic picture of what to expect. Is what you are looking for available immediately, are you prepared to wait, or perhaps change your preferences? The Accommodation Office can also put you in touch with others who may be looking for similar accommodation.

INSPECTING SUITABLE VACANCIES AND MAKING A DECISION

Use a checklist when inspecting possible accommodation. Don’t be afraid to ask questions and be direct. It is in your interest to know what is involved in starting a tenancy and what your legal obligations are.

BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION

Review all the pros and cons of the properties you are interested in. Don’t be afraid to ask any questions, even if you think they are too personal.

Never feel pressured or obligated to move somewhere that you do not think is suitable to your needs.

Always inspect the accommodation thoroughly. Make a check-list of faults as you go through the place. Try to bring another person with you as a witness of these faults.

Once you have made up your mind, we will do our best to help you secure your accommodation. Please don’t hesitate to consult us if you have any questions or need help making a decision.

IF UNSURE, DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING CHECK WITH US FIRST

For more information, please go to:

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VACANT RENTAL PROPERTIES
A weekly rent is charged for a furnished or unfurnished flat or house. Other costs include electricity, gas, and telephone.

(See Info Sheet: Moving In for more details)

Strengths:
- Quiet study environment
- Greatest independence & personal freedom
- Reduced costs if sharing
- Freedom to choose compatible housemates

Concerns:
- Bond/rental agreements: 6 months minimum
- Provision of furniture / utensils / appliances
- Highest establishment cost
- Increased tasks - reduced study time
- Expensive (if renting alone)
- Limited cultural / language interaction

SHARED HOUSE / UNIT
A weekly rent is charged for use of a bedroom together with the use of other living areas (e.g. lounge, dining, bathroom, and kitchen) within the unit/house.

Strengths:
- Greater independence in lifestyle & food
- Expand social network
- Reduced weekly costs & greater control over weekly expenses
- Opportunity to increase cultural awareness
- Mutually supportive environment

Concerns:
- Personal difficulties with fellow sharers
- Provision of furniture / utensils / appliances
- High establishment costs
- Diminished “family” support
- Communication / cultural differences

For more information, please go to:
www.qut.edu.au/sharehousing

HOMESTAY
A weekly rent covers all expenses associated with food and shelter, including meals. Students have their own bedroom with study facilities. The homestay provider may be either a single person or a family.

Strengths:
- Secure “family” environment
- Daily needs catered for
- Opportunity to increase cultural awareness and English language skills
- Not restricted to a fixed period
- No other establishment costs

Concerns:
- Communication / cultural differences
- Type of food provided
- Study distractions - noise
- Lack of privacy and freedom – rules

For more information, please go to:
www.student.qut.edu.au/international/accommodation-and-homestay