

Domestic and Family Violence Notice ending tenancy

COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020 (Section 24)

Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Amendment Regulation 2021

Tenants experiencing domestic and family violence can use this form to end their interest in a tenancy agreement (Part A) and supply appropriate evidence to support their circumstances (Part B).

Tenants experiencing domestic and family violence must provide seven days notice. They can leave before 7 days but they are responsible for paying rent until the end of the 7 day notice period. They are not liable for any other costs and can request their rental bond contribution be refunded to them.

When serving notices by post, the sender must allow time for the mail to arrive when working out notice periods.

The lessor/agent must not inform any remaining co-tenants of your departure until 7 days after you have issued this notice (see item 4 below), or 7 days after the date you have left (see item 5 below), whichever is later.

PART A: Ending your tenancy obligations

1 Address of the rental property

	Postcode

2 Notice issued by

Full name of departing tenant		
Phone	Mobile	Date
Email		

Note: if there is more than one tenant departing on domestic and family violence grounds, please complete a separate form for each tenant.

3 Notice issued to Lessor Agent

Full name/trading name	
Address	
	Postcode

4 Notice issued on

Day	Date	Method of issue (e.g. email, post, in person)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

5 I intend to vacate the property by midnight on

<input type="text"/>	(you must provide minimum 7 days notice and pay rent for those 7 days but you can leave at any time)
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Give this form to the lessor/agent and keep a copy for your records. Please note: The RTA may request a copy of this form as part of the bond refund process. Please only provide this if requested by the RTA.

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PART B: Providing evidence to lessor/agent

You are required to provide documentation to support your claim of experiencing domestic and family violence. You can choose to provide a copy of relevant documentation or allow your lessor/agent to inspect it.

Please indicate how you intend to provide supporting documentation:

- I intend to show my lessor/agent supporting documentation.
- I have included a copy of supporting documentation with this form.

My supporting documentation is:

- a protection order;
- a temporary protection order;
- a police protection notice;
- an interstate order;
- an injunction for personal protection under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Commonwealth);
- a Domestic and Family Violence Report (downloadable from rta.qld.gov.au) signed by an authorised professional.

Who is an authorised professional?

Under the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020* an **authorised professional** refers to any of the following:

- (i) a doctor;
- (ii) a social worker;
- (iii) a refuge or crisis worker;
- (iv) a domestic and family violence support worker or case manager;
- (v) an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical service;
- (vi) a solicitor.

Guidelines for lessors/agents

It is critical to maintain the privacy of a tenant who is experiencing domestic and family violence **to ensure their safety.**

- Do not take a copy of this form unless the tenant agrees, or provides you with a copy.
- If the tenant gives you a copy of this form, you must ensure this and other domestic and family violence information is kept in a secure manner.
- You must not disclose information about the tenant's domestic and family violence experience to anyone unless required by law to do so.
- Co-tenants may not be the alleged perpetrator/s, however it is important that the departing tenant should only be contacted using updated details they have provided.
- Contact details provided by the departing tenant **MUST NOT** be passed on to anyone else, unless required by law to do so.

Penalties apply to lessors/agents who do not follow these requirements.

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