

VACATING A PROPERTY

THE GUIDELINES

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This document provides a guideline to the process and timeframes involved when you vacate a Property. It is recommended that this document be read as soon as possible as it may assist you in the return of your Bond.

The timeframes and guidelines provided have been taken from the legislation governing Residential Tenancies in Queensland.

If you have any questions please contact RTA (Residential Tenancies Authority on 1300 366 311 or www.rta.qld.gov.au

AGENT PROVIDES VACATE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

We confirm the Notice received and also provide you with all associated paperwork to help make the vacating process as smooth as possible.

At this stage we will also begin the process of advertising the property for rent. If you have allowed our Agency access to the Property for activity related to reletting the property, our Agency will contact you ahead of each appointment.

RENT PAYMENTS

Under the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008, rent is to be paid to the Agency up to and including the day you vacate and handover keys to the Property.

Please do not stop paying rent and assume that this amount will be deducted from your Bond as the Bond is NOT to be used for rent payments. If required, the Bond may be used for costs associated with returning the Property back to the way it was at the start of the tenancy except for fair wear and tear. **Please note it is your responsibility to stop your rent payments when rent is paid in full. If you have a recurring payment set up through NAB Easy Rent, let our office know and we will cancel it.**

TIPS TO OBTAIN A FULL BOND REFUND

Refer to the Entry Condition Report provided at the beginning of the Tenancy in your Moving-In Kit. See if there are any changes to this report allowing for fair wear and tear.

Use the Cleaning Checklist provided as a guide to assist you in cleaning the Property.

If time does not permit you to attend to the work required yourself then we can recommend Professional Companies who provide the following services:

Cleaning – Jim's Cleaning Bundaberg & Coast – Umesh – 0423 102 743

Cleaning – Budget Bond Clean – Sandy – 0413 466 297

Cleaning – K & K Cleaning – Linda -0437 773 704

Carpet Cleaning – Charm City Carpet Care & Pest Control – 4153 5400

Once the above has been actioned recheck against the Entry Condition Report and complete the Exit Condition Report provided to you by the Agency.

PLEASE NOTE: It has come to our attention that there are several new carpet cleaning companies that conduct jobs that have been well below the Australian standard, usually at much lower prices than professional carpet steam cleaners. This has resulted in us having to employ the services of a second carpet cleaner at the tenant's cost to bring the job up to an acceptable standard. Please note that you are required in your lease agreements to have a professional *Steam* clean done on carpets when vacating, not the dry-clean method that many newer companies are using.

ON HANDOVER OR VACATE DATE

On the vacate or handover day, return all keys and paperwork in the supplied Vacate Envelope to the Agency before 5 pm.

VACATE INSPECTION

The vacate to be completed within 3 business days after you vacate.

If further items require attention, the Property Manager will notify you of details and you will be given time to rectify – generally a 24 hour timeframe.

After items have been rectified, the Property Manager reinspects the Premises and completes the RTA Form 4 – Bond Refund form for you to submit to the RTA.

If the item remains unsatisfactory, or you do not wish to return to the Property to attend to the issue/s we will engage a professional cleaner or contractor to attend to the issue/s and a claim will be made from the Bond for the costs associated. During this process, communication will be made with you by the Property Manager.

IF TENANT AND AGENT DISAGREE

We try to resolve the issue as promptly as possible to enable the Property to be relet and to refund your Bond amount that is not in dispute if applicable. This means the amount of Bond required to complete the work will be held at the RTA until the matter is resolved one way or another.

You may contact the RTA and complete a Form 16 – Dispute Resolution form.

The Agency can engage a professional cleaner or contractor (or both) to complete the items that need to be rectified and obtain Tax Invoices forming part of the claim on the Bond amount held. Usually a mediator from the RTA acts as a third party to help resolve the disputed Bond amount or issue/s.

As a last resort, the Tribunal is in place to deal with the disputes and a decision is made by a Referee who considers evidence provided by the Agent and the Tenant related to the matter.

MAIL

Please ensure all mail is redirected before vacating the property.

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE AGENT OR RTA

Write your questions here and contact us or the RTA.