

RESIDENTIAL TENANCY AGREEMENT FORM 24A

FIXED TERM TENANCY

THIS AGREEMENT is made between the OWNER(S)
.....
(full names)

of
(full address)

and the TENANT(S)
.....
(full names)

THE OWNER AGREES TO LET to the TENANT who AGREES TO RENT the residential premises situated at

(excluding those parts of the residential premises which the owner reserves being)

FROM THE day of 20.....

TO THE day of 20.....

for a term of MONTHS

CONDITIONS

Application of Residential Tenancies Act and Regulations.

2. The OWNER and TENANT shall comply with the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act 1987, the Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 1988 and the Residential Tenancies Regulations 1989 as they apply to each party. The definition and interpretation of words used in this AGREEMENT shall be the same as the Residential Tenancies Act 1987 and the Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 1988.

Payment of Rent.

3. The **OWNER** lets and the **TENANT** takes the premises situated at

.....
..... together with the furniture and chattels (if any)
therein as set out in the attached schedule for use as a private dwelling to be occupied by
not more than persons.

The Weekly/Fortnightly/Calendar Monthly rent is \$
(.....)

payable in advance with the first payment to be made on or before the.....day
of 20.....

Owner to provide
and maintain
premises in
reasonable repair.

4. The **OWNER** shall hand over the residential premises in a reasonable state of cleanli-
ness and maintain the residential premises in a reasonable state of repair having regard to
their age, character and expected life and shall comply with all requirements in respect of
buildings, health and safety in respect of residential premises.

Tenant to maintain
cleanliness and
report damage.

5. The **TENANT** shall keep the residential premises in a reasonable state of cleanliness and
shall notify the owner as soon as practicable but within 3 days of any damage to the residential
premises and of any state of disrepair which arises during the term of the tenancy.

—Illegal purposes
—Nuisance
—Purposes other
than dwelling.

6. The **TENANT** shall not use the premises or cause or permit the premises to be used
for any illegal purposes or cause or permit a nuisance. The premises shall be used solely
for the purposes of a residence and the **TENANT** shall not cause or permit the premises to
be used for any other purpose.

Vacant possession
without legal
impediment to be
given at
commencement of
agreement.

7. On the date of the commencement of the agreement, the **OWNER** will grant vacant
possession to the **TENANT** of the residential premises and the **OWNER** states that at the
time of entering the agreement there is no legal impediment either known or imputed to him
to the occupation of the residential premises as a residence for the term of the tenancy.

Interference with
tenant's peace and
comfort and
privacy.

8. The **OWNER** shall not cause or permit any interference with the reasonable peace,
comfort or privacy of the **TENANT** in the use of the premises and shall take all reasonable
steps to enforce this obligation upon any other **TENANT** of the **OWNER** in occupation of
adjacent premises.

Owner's right of
entry.

9. The **OWNER** may, subject to the obligations contained in paragraph 8 above, enter the
premises in the following circumstances:

—with consent

(a) with the consent of the **TENANT** given at, or immediately before, the time of entry;

—emergency

(b) in any case of emergency;

—inspection

(c) for the purpose of inspecting the premises or any other purpose on a day and at a
reasonable hour specified in a notice given to the **TENANT** between seven and fourteen
days in advance;

—repairs

(d) for the purpose of carrying out necessary repairs to or maintenance of the premises,
at any reasonable hour, after giving to the **TENANT** not less than seventy-two hours
notice;

—prospective
tenants

(e) for the purpose of showing the premises to prospective tenants, at any reasonable hour
and on a reasonable number of occasions during the period of twenty-one days preceding
the termination of this agreement, after giving the **TENANT** reasonable notice;

—prospective
purchasers

(f) for the purpose of showing the premises to prospective purchasers, at any reasonable
hour and on a reasonable number of occasions, after giving the **TENANT** reasonable
notice.

Locks and security
devices.

10. The **OWNER** shall provide and maintain such locks and other devices as are necessary
to ensure that the premises are reasonably secure and neither the **OWNER** nor the **TENANT**
shall alter, remove or add any such lock or device without the consent of the other given at or
immediately before the time of alteration removal or addition of any such lock or device.

<p>—Fixtures —renovations —alterations or additions.</p>	<p>11. The TENANT shall not affix any fixture or make any renovation, alteration or addition to the residential premises, without the prior consent of the OWNER, provided that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.</p>
<p>Removal of fixtures.</p>	<p>12. Where the OWNER has given consent pursuant to paragraph 11 above the TENANT may remove any fixture that the tenant has affixed in the premises during the tenancy, unless the removal of the fixture would cause irreparable damage to the premises.</p>
<p>Compensation for damage caused by removal of fixtures.</p>	<p>13. Where the TENANT causes damage to the premises by the removal of any fixture installed by the TENANT the tenant shall notify the OWNER, at whose option the tenant will repair or compensate the OWNER for any reasonable expenses incurred by the OWNER in repairing the damage.</p>
<p>Rates, taxes and charges. Water consumption.</p>	<p>14. The OWNER shall bear the cost of all rates, taxes or charges imposed in respect of the premises under any of the following Acts: Local Government Act 1960, Land Tax Act 1976, any written law under which a rate, tax or charge is imposed for 'water services', as defined in the Water Authority Act 1984, other than a charge for water consumed. The OWNER shall pay% of charges for water consumed and the TENANT shall pay the balance.</p>
<p>Sub letting or assignment.</p>	<p>15. The TENANT may sub let the premises or assign the tenant's interest under the AGREEMENT subject to the prior consent of the OWNER which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. No charge shall be made by the OWNER for that consent, other than reasonable expenses incidental thereto.</p>
<p>Notice of termination for breach of agreement by tenant (other than non-payment of rent).</p>	<p>16. If the TENANT does not keep his or her part of the agreement except for not paying rent, the OWNER may give a notice ('the first notice') requiring that the matter be put right. If the TENANT does not put the matter right, then not less than 14 days after the first notice was given the OWNER may give another notice ('the second notice') in the form of Form 1C of the Residential Tenancies Regulations to the TENANT ending the tenancy not less than seven days after the second notice is given.</p>
<p>Notice of termination for breach of agreement by tenant (non-payment of rent).</p>	<p>17. If the TENANT does not pay rent due under the agreement or gives a bad cheque in payment of rent due under the agreement, the OWNER may either—</p> <p>(i) give a notice ('the first notice') to the TENANT requiring payment of the outstanding rent and, if the rent is not paid, give another notice ('the second notice') to the TENANT in the form of Form 1A of the Residential Tenancies Regulations, not less than 14 days after the first notice was given, ending the tenancy not less than seven days after the second notice is given: or</p> <p>(ii) on the day after the rent was due or on the dishonouring of the cheque, give notice to the TENANT in the form of Form 1B of the Residential Tenancies Regulations ending the tenancy not less than seven days after the notice is given.</p> <p>In the case of (ii) the tenancy shall not end if the TENANT pays the rent due under the agreement before the day specified in the notice for vacation of the premises. In addition, an application by the OWNER to a competent court to end the tenancy shall not be continued if the TENANT pays the rent due together with the amount of any court application fee at least one day before the scheduled court hearing.</p>
<p>Termination for breach of agreement by owner.</p>	<p>18. Where the OWNER has breached any term of this AGREEMENT the TENANT may apply to a competent court for an order terminating the AGREEMENT.</p>
<p>Termination by Owner.</p>	<p>19. If, with the approval of the OWNER, the TENANT shall remain in occupation of the premises after the expiration of the term of this AGREEMENT or of an extension thereof of this AGREEMENT shall continue subject to the conditions set out herein until determined by either party in accordance with the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act.</p>
<p>Termination by mutual agreement.</p>	<p>20. The agreement may be terminated if both the OWNER and the TENANT agree in writing signed by both parties that the tenancy agreement be ended and the date it is to be ended.</p>
<p>Contracting out of provisions in the Residential Tenancies Act.</p>	<p>21. Owners and Tenants should be aware that it is an offence to contract out of certain provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act and should seek advice from the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection (DOCEP) before doing so. Advice regarding residential tenancies can be obtained free of charge from DOCEP's Telephone Advice Line 1300 30 40 54.</p>

