

# VACATING A PROPERTY

## THE GUIDELINES

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### GUIDELINES

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. Please refer to the Standard Terms and Conditions to the General Tenancy Agreement Division 8 – When agreement ends.

**If you have any questions please contact RTA (Residential Tenancies Authority on 1300 366 311 or [www.rta.qld.gov.au](http://www.rta.qld.gov.au)**

### AGENT PROVIDES VACATE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

We hereby provide you with all associated paperwork to help make the vacating process as smooth as possible.

Depending on the owner's instructions, we will begin the process of advertising the property for rent if applicable. 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 end of the lease and handing over 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.

### TIPS TO OBTAIN A FULL BOND REFUND

Refer to the Entry Condition Report provided at the beginning of the Tenancy. 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: Carpet Cleaning, Bond Cleaning, Pest Spray and Garden Service. Please contact us for details.

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

### 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

You may attend the Vacate Inspection with the Property Manager if you wish. We will try to accommodate a day or time to suit you, though it depends on availability. Please discuss this with your property manager prior to vacate date.

If you cannot or do not wish to attend the Vacate Inspection, please ensure you give our Agency the best contact details for you so the Bond can be finalised quickly.

If attending the inspection, it is a good idea to take general cleaning items in case a spot clean is required in a few places missed. This saves time so you don't have to return again. Please ensure all light globes are working.

If further items require attention, the Property Manager will notify you of details and you may 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.

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.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK THE AGENT OR RTA

Write your questions here and contact us or the RTA.