

QLD RENTAL MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARD CHECKLIST



Minimum housing standards

Minimum housing standards aim to ensure all Queensland rental properties are safe, secure and functional.

Minimum housing standards came into effect for new tenancies (including renewed tenancy agreements) from 1 September 2023 and for all remaining tenancies from 1 September 2024. The property must meet minimum housing standards when the tenant moves in and throughout the tenancy agreement.

These new standards apply to all types of tenancies, including general tenancies, moveable dwellings, and rooming accommodation agreements.

What are minimum housing standards?

The prescribed minimum housing standards are as follows:

- The property must be weatherproof, structurally sound and in good repair.
- The fixtures and fittings for the premises must be in good repair.
- The external windows and doors must have functioning locks.
- The property must be free from vermin, damp and mould.
- The property must have privacy coverings for windows in all rooms which tenant would reasonably expect privacy.
- The property must have adequate plumbing and drainage.
- The bathrooms and toilets must be private, toilets must function as designed and be connected.
- The kitchen (if included) must include a functioning cook-top.
- The laundry (if included) must include the fixtures required to provide functional laundry other than whitegoods.



Responsibilities around minimum housing standards

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the property meets minimum housing standards at the start of the tenancy.

If a maintenance issue occurs during the tenancy which means the property no longer complies with minimum housing standards, it's the tenant's responsibility to make every effort to inform the property manager/owner or the nominated emergency repair contact (who will be listed on the tenancy agreement) about the issue.

It's the property manager's/owner's responsibility to ensure repairs are made in a timely manner.

Repairs required to make the property meet minimum housing standards are classified as emergency repairs and the emergency repair process should be followed.

If a property does not meet minimum housing standards

Tenants have a range of options if they believe the rental property they live in does not meet minimum housing standards either when they first move in, or during the tenancy agreement.

The available options are different for rooming accommodation and general tenancies.

To learn about the options for a general tenancy agreement, read the [Minimum housing standards – General tenancies factsheet](#).

To learn about the options for a rooming accommodation agreement, read the [Minimum housing standards – Rooming accommodation factsheet](#).

Minimum housing standards in a body corporate

If a rental property is in a body corporate, it will need to comply with both minimum housing standards and body corporate by-laws. There may be some instances where repairs to ensure a property complies with minimum housing standards are the responsibility of the body corporate.



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