

# Leases and Legislation

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A lease is a contract between a landlord and tenant which specifies the terms of your living arrangement. It should outline the cost of your rent with/without utilities, your move-in-date, the length of your stay, rent due dates, house rules and any furniture, appliances or repairs that the landlord has promised to provide. Make sure to keep a copy of this document for your own protection and check out your rights under the Landlord and Tenant Act.

For a Lease Agreement:

- Lease must be signed by both parties before you move in or pay a deposit
- Landlords are legally required to use the [Ontario Standard Lease Form](#)

## Resource Links

- [A guide to standard lease for rental housing](#)
- [Landlord and Tenant Act](#)
- [Landlord and Tenant Information](#)
- [Rental Agreements](#)
- [Roommate Agreement](#)
- [Student Storage](#)

## Beginning Your Search

The following suggestions might be helpful:

- We advise our students that accommodation obtained in a private home is different from that in a self-contained apartment and that householders may therefore set special conditions (smoking, visitors, etc.) that they enforce within their own family situations.
- If the tenancy or boarding arrangements involve the use of kitchen appliances or other privileges, the conditions for such use (cleanliness, clean-up, etc.) should be discussed and understood.

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