



Residential Tenancy Agreements

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OVERVIEW

Tenants and landlords can end their residential tenancy agreement if the property is affected by Mr Fluffy loose fill asbestos insulation.

Changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* now allow either a tenant or a landlord to terminate a residential tenancy agreement where the residential premises contain, or have contained, loose fill asbestos insulation (Mr Fluffy).

DETAILS

- The changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* apply only to Mr Fluffy affected properties.
- Notice to terminate a residential tenancy agreement under these provisions must be given to the other party in writing.
- A tenant must give at **LEAST TWO (2) DAYS** notice to the landlord if terminating a tenancy using these provisions.
- A landlord **MUST GIVE AT LEAST ONE (1) WEEKS** notice to the tenant if terminating a tenancy using these provisions.

A Relocation Assistance Grant is available to assist eligible tenants who need to move to new living arrangements. This Grant can provide a lump sum payment of up to \$10,000 per household plus \$2,000 per dependent child living in the affected property.

To apply for the grant, please:

Review the Relocation Assistance Grant Guide – www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au/rag-guide;

Review the Dependent Child Definition - www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au/dependent-child-definition; and

If eligible, complete the Application for Relocation Assistance Grant (Tenants) - www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au/rag-application-tenant.

Landlords of affected properties may also be eligible for \$5,000 assistance through the Lessor Assistance Grant once the affected property is permanently vacated. To apply for the grant, complete the Application for Lessor Assistance Grant (Eligible Lessors) - www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au/lag-application and associated statutory declaration - www.asbestostaskforce.act.gov.au/lag-stat-dec.

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