

Standard Form Residential Tenancy Agreement

Residential Tenancies Regulation 2010, Schedule 1, Clause 4(1)

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made on _____ at: _____ NSW **BETWEEN**

LANDLORD (insert name of Landlord(s) and contact details)

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

(Note: Address not required where there is a Landlord's Agent)

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

TENANT(S) (insert name of Tenant(s) and contact details)

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

LANDLORD'S AGENT DETAILS (insert name of Landlord's Agent (if any) and contact details)

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

ACN: _____

ABN: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Licence No.: _____ Licence Expiry: _____

TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this Agreement is: _____ / _____ / _____

starting on: _____ and ending on: _____ (cross out if not applicable)

RESIDENTIAL PREMISES Note: insert any excluded items in the Additional Terms Item on the signature page

The residential premises are: _____

The residential premises include: (include any additional matters, such as a parking space, garages or furniture provided)

RENT

The rent is: _____ per: _____ payable in advance starting on: _____

Rent Increase 1: Then from: _____ pay: _____ per: _____

Rent Increase 2: Then from: _____ pay: _____ per: _____

Note: Where the fixed term tenancy is for a term of two years or more the above Rent Increases are not required to be completed. See Additional Term 64B.

The tenant must pay the rent in advance on the _____ of every _____ (see Clause 4.2)

The method by which the rent must be paid:

(a) to: _____ at: _____ by cash or cheque ; or

(b) into the following account:

Account Name: _____ Bank: _____

BSB: _____ Account No.: _____ Payment Reference: _____

or any other account nominated by the landlord; or

(c) as follows: _____

Note: The Landlord or Landlord's Agent must permit the Tenant to pay the rent by at least one means for which the Tenant does not incur a cost (other than bank or other account fees usually payable for the Tenant's transactions) (see Clause 4.1) and that is reasonably available to the Tenant.

RENTAL BOND *(Cross out if there is not going to be a bond)*

A rental bond of must be paid by the Tenant on signing this Agreement. The amount of the rental bond must not be more than 4 weeks rent.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION**MAXIMUM NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS**

No more than persons may ordinarily live in the Premises at any one time.

Other people who will ordinarily live at the premises may be listed here: *(cross out if not needed)*

URGENT REPAIRS

Nominated tradespeople for urgent repairs:

Electrical Repairs:	Phone:
Plumbing Repairs:	Phone:
Building Repairs:	Phone:
Other:	Phone:

WATER USAGE

Will the Tenant be required to pay separately for water usage? ☐ Yes ☐ No If 'yes', see Clauses 11 and 12

STRATA BY-LAWS

Are there any strata or community scheme by-laws applicable to the residential premises? ☐ Yes ☐ No If 'yes', see Clause 35

CONDITION REPORT

A condition report relating to the condition of the premises must be completed by or on behalf of the Landlord before or when this Agreement is signed.

If this Agreement is for premises already occupied by the tenant under a previous agreement, **the landlord and tenant agree** that the condition report prepared for a tenancy agreement entered into by the tenant and dated applies to this Agreement.

TENANCY LAWS

The *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* and the *Residential Tenancies Regulation 2010* apply to this Agreement. Both the Landlord and the Tenant must comply with these laws.

STANDARD TERMS OF AGREEMENT**RIGHT TO OCCUPY THE PREMISES**

1. **The landlord agrees** that the tenant has the right to occupy the residential premises during the tenancy. The residential premises include the additional things (if any) noted under **"Residential premises"**.

COPY OF AGREEMENT

2. **The landlord agrees** to give the tenant:

2.1 a copy of this agreement before or when this agreement is signed and given by the tenant to the landlord or a person on the landlord's behalf, and

2.2 a copy of this agreement signed by both the landlord and the tenant as soon as is reasonably practicable.

RENT

3. **The tenant agrees:**

3.1 to pay rent on time, and

3.2 to reimburse the landlord for the cost of replacing rent deposit books or rent cards lost by the tenant, and

3.3 to reimburse the landlord for the amount of any fees paid by the landlord to a bank or other authorised deposit-taking institution as a result of funds of the tenant not being available for rent payment on the due date.

4. **The landlord agrees:**

4.1 to provide the tenant with at least one means to pay rent for which the tenant does not incur a cost (other than bank fees or other account fees usually payable for the tenant's transactions) and that is reasonably available to the tenant, and

4.2 not to require the tenant to pay more than 2 weeks rent in advance or to pay rent for a period of the tenancy before the end of the previous period for which rent has been paid, and

4.3 not to require the tenant to pay rent by a cheque or other negotiable instrument that is post-dated, and

4.4 to accept payment of unpaid rent after the landlord has given a termination notice on the ground of failure to pay rent if the tenant has not vacated the residential premises, and

4.5 not to use rent paid by the tenant for the purpose of any amount payable by the tenant other than rent, and

4.6 to give a rent receipt to the tenant if rent is paid in person (other than by cheque) and to make a rent receipt available for collection by the tenant or to post it to the residential premises if rent is paid by cheque, and

4.7 to keep a record of rent paid under this agreement and to provide a written statement showing the rent record for a specified period within 7 days of a request by the tenant (unless the landlord has previously provided a statement for the same period).

Note:

The landlord and tenant may, by agreement, change the manner in which rent is payable under this agreement.

RENT INCREASES

5. **The landlord and the tenant agree** that the rent cannot be increased after the end of the fixed term (if any) of this agreement or under this agreement unless the landlord gives not less than 60 days written notice of the increase to the tenant. The notice must specify the increased rent and the day from which it is payable.

Note:

Section 42 of the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* sets out the circumstances in which rent may be increased during the fixed term of a residential tenancy agreement. An additional term for this purpose may be included in the agreement.

6. **The landlord and the tenant agree:**

- 6.1 that the increased rent is payable from the day specified in the notice, and
6.2 that the landlord may cancel or reduce the rent increase by a later notice that takes effect on the same day as the original notice, and
6.3 that increased rent under this agreement is not payable unless the rent is increased in accordance with this agreement and the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* or by the Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

RENT DEDUCTIONS

7. **The landlord and the tenant agree** that the rent abates if the residential premises:
7.1 are destroyed, or become wholly or partly uninhabitable, otherwise than as a result of a breach of this agreement, or
7.2 cease to be lawfully usable as a residence, or
7.3 are compulsorily appropriated or acquired by an authority.
8. The landlord and the tenant may, at any time during this agreement, agree to reduce the rent payable.

PAYMENT OF COUNCIL RATES, LAND TAX, WATER AND OTHER CHARGES

9. **The landlord agrees** to pay:
9.1 rates, taxes or charges payable under any Act (other than charges payable by the tenant under this agreement), and
9.2 the installation costs and charges for initial connection to the residential premises of an electricity, water, gas, bottled gas or oil supply service, and
9.3 all charges for the supply of electricity, gas (except bottled gas) or oil to the tenant at the residential premises that are not separately metered, and
9.4 the costs and charges for the supply or hire of gas bottles for the supply of bottled gas at the commencement of the tenancy, and
9.5 all charges (other than water usage charges) in connection with a water supply service to separately metered residential premises, and
9.6 all charges in connection with a water supply service to residential premises that are not separately metered, and
9.7 all charges for the supply of sewerage services (other than for pump out septic services) or the supply or use of drainage services to the residential premises, and
9.8 all charges for the availability of gas to the residential premises if the premises do not have any appliances, supplied by the landlord, for which gas is required and the tenant does not use gas supplied to the premises for any purpose.
10. **The tenant agrees** to pay:
10.1 all charges for the supply of electricity, gas (except bottled gas) or oil to the tenant at the residential premises if the premises are separately metered, and
10.2 all charges for the supply of bottled gas to the tenant at the residential premises, and
10.3 all charges for pumping out a septic system used for the residential premises, and
10.4 any excess garbage charges relating to the tenant's use of the residential premises, and

- 10.5 water usage charges, if the landlord has installed water efficiency measures referred to in clause 11 and the residential premises:

- 10.5.1 are separately metered, or
10.5.2 are not connected to a water supply service and water is delivered by vehicle.

11. **The landlord agrees** that the tenant is not required to pay water usage charges unless:

- 11.1 the landlord gives the tenant a copy of the part of the water supply authority's bill setting out the charges, or other evidence of the cost of water used by the tenant, and
11.2 the landlord gives the tenant at least 21 days to pay the charges, and
11.3 the landlord requests payment of the charges by the tenant not later than 3 months after the issue of the bill for the charges by the water supply authority, and
11.4 the residential premises have the following water efficiency measures:
11.4.1 all internal cold water taps and single mixer taps for kitchen sinks or bathroom hand basins on the premises have a maximum flow rate of 9 litres per minute,
11.4.2 all showerheads have a maximum flow rate of 9 litres per minute,
11.4.3 there are no leaking taps at the commencement of this agreement or when the water efficiency measures are installed, whichever is the later.

12. **The landlord agrees** to give the tenant the benefit of, or an amount equivalent to, any rebate received by the landlord for water usage charges payable or paid by the tenant.

POSSESSION OF THE PREMISES

13. **The landlord agrees:**
13.1 to make sure the residential premises are vacant so the tenant can move in on the date agreed, and
13.2 to take all reasonable steps to ensure that, at the time of signing this agreement, there is no legal reason why the premises cannot be used as a residence for the term of this agreement.

TENANT'S RIGHT TO QUIET ENJOYMENT

14. **The landlord agrees:**
14.1 that the tenant will have quiet enjoyment of the residential premises without interruption by the landlord or any person claiming by, through or under the landlord or having superior title to that of the landlord (such as a head landlord), and
14.2 that the landlord or the landlord's agent will not interfere with, or cause or permit any interference with, the reasonable peace, comfort or privacy of the tenant in using the residential premises, and
14.3 that the landlord or the landlord's agent will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the landlord's other neighbouring tenants do not interfere with the reasonable peace, comfort or privacy of the tenant in using the residential premises.

USE OF THE PREMISES BY TENANT

15. **The tenant agrees:**
15.1 not to use the residential premises, or cause or permit the premises to be used, for any illegal purpose, and
15.2 not to cause or permit a nuisance, and
15.3 not to interfere, or cause or permit interference, with the reasonable peace, comfort or privacy of neighbours, and
15.4 not to intentionally or negligently cause or permit any damage to the residential premises, and
15.5 not to cause or permit more people to reside in the residential premises than is permitted by this agreement.
16. **The tenant agrees:**
16.1 to keep the residential premises reasonably clean, and

- 16.2 to notify the landlord as soon as practicable of any damage to the residential premises, and
- 16.3 that the tenant is responsible to the landlord for any act or omission by a person who is lawfully on the residential premises if the person is only permitted on the premises with the tenant's consent and the act or omission would be in breach of this agreement if done or omitted by the tenant, and
- 16.4 that it is the tenant's responsibility to replace light globes and batteries for smoke detectors on the residential premises.

Note:

Under section 54 of the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010*, the vicarious liability of a tenant for damage to residential premises caused by another person is not imposed on a tenant who is the victim of a domestic violence offence, or a co-tenant who is not a relevant domestic violence offender, if the damage occurred during the commission of a domestic violence offence (within the meaning of that Act).

- 17. The tenant agrees**, when this agreement ends and before giving vacant possession of the premises to the landlord:
 - 17.1 to remove all the tenant's goods from the residential premises, and
 - 17.2 to leave the residential premises as nearly as possible in the same condition, fair wear and tear excepted, as at the commencement of the tenancy, and
 - 17.3 to leave the residential premises reasonably clean, having regard to their condition at the commencement of the tenancy, and
 - 17.4 to remove or arrange for the removal of all rubbish from the residential premises, and
 - 17.5 to make sure that all light fittings on the premises have working globes, and
 - 17.6 to return to the landlord all keys, and other opening devices or similar devices, provided by the landlord.

LANDLORD'S GENERAL OBLIGATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL PREMISES

- 18. The landlord agrees:**
 - 18.1 to make sure that the residential premises are reasonably clean and fit to live in, and
 - 18.2 to make sure that all light fittings on the residential premises have working light globes on the commencement of the tenancy, and
 - 18.3 to keep the residential premises in a reasonable state of repair, considering the age of, the rent paid for and the prospective life of the premises, and
 - 18.4 not to interfere with the supply of gas, electricity, water, telecommunications or other services to the residential premises (unless the interference is necessary to avoid danger to any person or enable maintenance or repairs to be carried out), and
 - 18.5 to comply with all statutory obligations relating to the health or safety of the residential premises.

URGENT REPAIRS

- 19. The landlord agrees** to pay the tenant, within 14 days after receiving written notice from the tenant, any reasonable costs (not exceeding \$1,000) that the tenant has incurred for making urgent repairs to the residential premises (of the type set out below) so long as:
 - 19.1 the damage was not caused as a result of a breach of this agreement by the tenant, and
 - 19.2 the tenant gives or makes a reasonable attempt to give the landlord notice of the damage, and
 - 19.3 the tenant gives the landlord a reasonable opportunity to make the repairs, and
 - 19.4 the tenant makes a reasonable attempt to have any appropriate tradesperson named in this agreement make the repairs, and
 - 19.5 the repairs are carried out, where appropriate, by licensed or properly qualified persons, and

- 19.6 the tenant, as soon as possible, gives or tries to give the landlord written details of the repairs, including the cost and the receipts for anything the tenant pays for.

Note:

The type of repairs that are urgent repairs are defined in the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* and are defined as follows:

- (a) a burst water service,
- (b) an appliance, fitting or fixture that uses water or is used to supply water that is broken or not functioning properly, so that a substantial amount of water is wasted,
- (c) a blocked or broken lavatory system,
- (d) a serious roof leak,
- (e) a gas leak,
- (f) a dangerous electrical fault,
- (g) flooding or serious flood damage,
- (h) serious storm or fire damage,
- (i) a failure or breakdown of the gas, electricity or water supply to the premises,
- (j) a failure or breakdown of any essential service on the residential premises for hot water, cooking, heating, cooling or laundering,
- (k) any fault or damage that causes the premises to be unsafe or insecure.

SALE OF THE PREMISES

- 20. The landlord agrees:**
 - 20.1 to give the tenant written notice that the landlord intends to sell the residential premises, at least 14 days before the premises are made available for inspection by potential purchasers, and
 - 20.2 to make all reasonable efforts to agree with the tenant as to the days and times when the residential premises are to be available for inspection by potential purchasers.
- 21. The tenant agrees** not to unreasonably refuse to agree to days and times when the residential premises are to be available for inspection by potential purchasers.
- 22. The landlord and tenant agree:**
 - 22.1 that the tenant is not required to agree to the residential premises being available for inspection more than twice in a period of a week, and
 - 22.2 that, if they fail to agree, the landlord may show the residential premises to potential purchasers not more than twice in any period of a week and must give the tenant at least 48 hours notice each time.

LANDLORD'S ACCESS TO THE PREMISES

- 23. The landlord agrees** that the landlord, the landlord's agent or any person authorised in writing by the landlord, during the currency of this agreement, may only enter the residential premises in the following circumstances:
 - 23.1 in an emergency (including entry for the purpose of carrying out urgent repairs),
 - 23.2 if the Civil and Administrative Tribunal so orders,
 - 23.3 if there is good reason for the landlord to believe the premises are abandoned,
 - 23.4 if there is good reason for serious concern about the health of the tenant or any other person on the residential premises and a reasonable attempt has been made to obtain consent to the entry,
 - 23.5 to inspect the premises, if the tenant is given at least 7 days written notice (no more than 4 inspections are allowed in any period of 12 months),
 - 23.6 to carry out, or assess the need for, necessary repairs, if the tenant is given at least 2 days notice each time,
 - 23.7 to carry out, or assess the need for, work relating to statutory health and safety obligations relating to the residential premises, if the tenant is given at least 2 days notice each time,

- 23.8 to show the premises to prospective tenants on a reasonable number of occasions if the tenant is given reasonable notice on each occasion (this is only allowed during the last 14 days of the agreement),
- 23.9 to value the property, if the tenant is given 7 days notice (not more than one valuation is allowed in any period of 12 months),
- 23.10 if the tenant agrees.
- 24. The landlord agrees** that a person who enters the residential premises under clause 23.5, 23.6, 23.7, 23.8 or 23.9 of this agreement:
- 24.1 must not enter the premises on a Sunday or a public holiday, unless the tenant agrees, and
- 24.2 may enter the premises only between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m., unless the tenant agrees to another time, and
- 24.3 must, if practicable, notify the tenant of the proposed day and time of entry.
- 25. The landlord agrees** that, except in an emergency (including to carry out urgent repairs), a person other than the landlord or the landlord's agent must produce to the tenant the landlord's or the landlord's agent's written permission to enter the residential premises.
- 26. The tenant agrees** to give access to the residential premises to the landlord, the landlord's agent or any person, if they are exercising a right to enter the residential premises in accordance with this agreement.

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE PREMISES

- 27. The tenant agrees:**
- 27.1 not to install any fixture or renovate, alter or add to the residential premises without the landlord's written permission, and
- 27.2 not to remove, without the landlord's permission, any fixture attached by the tenant that was paid for by the landlord or for which the landlord gave the tenant a benefit equivalent to the cost of the fixture, and
- 27.3 to notify the landlord of any damage caused by removing any fixture attached by the tenant, and
- 27.4 to repair any damage caused by removing the fixture or compensate the landlord for the reasonable cost of repair.
- 28. The landlord agrees** not to unreasonably refuse permission for the installation of a fixture by the tenant or to a minor alteration, addition or renovation by the tenant.

LOCKS AND SECURITY DEVICES

- 29. The landlord agrees:**
- 29.1 to provide and maintain locks or other security devices necessary to keep the residential premises reasonably secure, and
- 29.2 to give each tenant under this agreement a copy of the key or opening device or information to open any lock or security device for the residential premises or common property to which the tenant is entitled to have access, and
- 29.3 not to charge the tenant for the cost of providing the copies except to recover the cost of replacement or additional copies, and
- 29.4 not to alter, remove or add any lock or other security device without reasonable excuse (which includes an emergency, an order of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal, termination of a co-tenancy or an apprehended violence order prohibiting a tenant or occupant from having access) or unless the tenant agrees, and
- 29.5 to give each tenant under this agreement a copy of any key or other opening device or information to open any lock or security device that the landlord changes as soon as practicable (and no later than 7 days) after the change.

30. The tenant agrees:

- 30.1 not to alter, remove or add any lock or other security device without reasonable excuse (which includes an emergency, an order of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal, termination of a co-tenancy or an apprehended violence order prohibiting a tenant or occupant from having access) or unless the landlord agrees, and
- 30.2 to give the landlord a copy of the key or opening device or information to open any lock or security device that the tenant changes within 7 days of the change.
- 31.** A copy of a changed key or other opening device need not be given to the other party if the other party agrees not to be given a copy or the Civil and Administrative Tribunal authorises a copy not to be given or the other party is prohibited from access to the residential premises by an apprehended violence order.

TRANSFER OF TENANCY OR SUB-LETTING BY TENANT

- 32. The landlord and tenant agree that:**
- 32.1 the tenant may, with the landlord's written permission, transfer the tenant's tenancy under this agreement or sub-let the residential premises, and
- 32.2 the landlord may refuse permission (whether or not it is reasonable to do so) to the transfer of the whole of the tenancy or sub-letting the whole of the residential premises, and
- 32.3 the landlord must not unreasonably refuse permission to a transfer of part of a tenancy or a sub-letting of part of the residential premises, and
- 32.4 without limiting clause 32.3, the landlord may refuse permission to a transfer of part of the tenancy or to sub-letting part of the residential premises if the number of occupants would be more than is permitted under this agreement or any proposed tenant or sub-tenant is listed on a residential tenancy database or it would result in overcrowding of the residential premises.

Note:

Clauses 32.3 and 32.4 do not apply to social tenancy housing agreements.

- 33. The landlord agrees** not to charge for giving permission other than for the landlord's reasonable expenses in giving permission.

CHANGE IN DETAILS OF LANDLORD OR LANDLORD'S AGENT

- 34. The landlord agrees:**
- 34.1 if the name and telephone number or contact details of the landlord change, to give the tenant notice in writing of the change within 14 days, and
- 34.2 if the address of the landlord changes (and the landlord does not have an agent), to give the tenant notice in writing of the change within 14 days, and
- 34.3 if the name, telephone number or business address of the landlord's agent changes or the landlord appoints an agent, to give the tenant notice in writing of the change or the agent's name, telephone number and business address, as appropriate, within 14 days, and
- 34.4 if the landlord or landlord's agent is a corporation and the name or business address of the corporation changes, to give the tenant notice in writing of the change within 14 days.

COPY OF CERTAIN BY-LAWS TO BE PROVIDED

[Cross out if not applicable]

- 35. The landlord agrees** to give to the tenant within 7 days of entering into this agreement a copy of the by-laws applying to the residential premises if they are premises under the *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015*, the *Strata Schemes Development Act 2015*, the *Community Land Development Act 1989* or the *Community Land Management Act 1989*.

MITIGATION OF LOSS

36. **The rules of law** relating to mitigation of loss or damage on breach of a contract apply to a breach of this agreement. (For example, if the tenant breaches this agreement the landlord will not be able to claim damages for loss which could have been avoided by reasonable effort by the landlord.)

RENTAL BOND

[Cross out this clause if no rental bond is payable]

37. **The landlord agrees** that where the landlord or the landlord's agent applies to the Rental Bond Board or the Civil and Administrative Tribunal for payment of the whole or part of the rental bond to the landlord, then the landlord or the landlord's agent will provide the tenant with details of the amount claimed and with copies of any quotations, accounts and receipts that are relevant to the claim and a copy of a completed condition report about the residential premises at the end of the residential tenancy agreement.

SMOKE ALARMS

38. **The landlord agrees** to ensure that smoke alarms are installed and maintained in the residential premises in accordance with section 146A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* if that section requires them to be installed in the premises.
39. **The landlord and tenant each agree** not to remove or interfere with the operation of a smoke alarm installed on the residential premises unless they have a reasonable excuse to do so.

SWIMMING POOLS

[Cross out this clause if there is no swimming pool]

40. **The landlord agrees** to ensure that the requirements of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* have been complied with in respect of the swimming pool on the residential premises.

[Cross out the following clause if there is no swimming pool or the swimming pool is situated on land in a strata scheme (within the meaning of the *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015*) or in a community scheme (within the meaning of the *Community Land Development Act 1989*) and that strata or community scheme comprises more than 2 lots]

- 40A. **The landlord agrees** to ensure that at the time that this residential tenancy agreement is entered into:
- 40A.1 the swimming pool on the residential premises is registered under the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* and has a valid certificate of compliance under that Act or a relevant occupation certificate within the meaning of that Act, and
- 40A.2 a copy of that valid certificate of compliance or relevant occupation certificate is provided to the tenant.

LOOSE-FILL ASBESTOS INSULATION

- 40B. **The landlord agrees:**
- 40B.1 if, at the time that this residential tenancy agreement is entered into, the premises have been and remain listed on the LFAI Register, the tenant has been advised in writing by the landlord that the premises are listed on that Register, or
- 40B.2 if, during the tenancy, the premises become listed on the LFAI Register, to advise the tenant in writing, within 14 days of the premises being listed on the Register, that the premises are listed on the Register.

ADDITIONAL TERMS

Additional terms may be included in this agreement if:

- (a) *both the landlord and tenant agree to the terms, and*
- (b) *they do not conflict with the Residential Tenancies Act 2010, the Residential Tenancies Regulation 2010 or any other Act, and*

- (c) *they do not conflict with the standard terms of this agreement.*

ANY ADDITIONAL TERMS ARE NOT REQUIRED BY LAW AND ARE NEGOTIABLE.

ADDITIONAL TERM - BREAK FEE

[Cross out this clause if not applicable]

41. **The tenant agrees** that, if the tenant ends the residential tenancy agreement before the end of the fixed term of the agreement, the tenant must pay a break fee of the following amount:
- 41.1 if the fixed term is for 3 years or less, 6 weeks rent if less than half of the term has expired or 4 weeks rent in any other case, or
- 41.2 if the fixed term is for more than 3 years, [specify amount below].

This clause does not apply if the tenant terminates the residential tenancy agreement early for a reason that is permitted under the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010*.

Note:

Permitted reasons for early termination include destruction of residential premises, breach of the agreement by the landlord, an offer of social housing or a place in an aged care facility, and being in circumstances of domestic violence. Section 107 of the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* regulates the rights of the landlord and tenant under this clause.

42. **The landlord agrees** that the compensation payable by the tenant for ending the residential tenancy agreement before the end of the fixed term is limited to the amount specified in clause 41 and any occupation fee payable under the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* for goods left on the residential premises.

ADDITIONAL TERM - PETS

[Cross out this clause if not applicable]

(Note: refer to Clause 46 for requirements in respect of Pets)

- ~~43. The tenant agrees not to keep animals on the residential premises without obtaining the landlord's consent.~~
- ~~44. The landlord agrees that the tenant may keep the following animals on the residential premises:~~
- ~~45. The tenant agrees to have the carpet professionally cleaned or to have the residential premises fumigated if the cleaning or fumigation is required because animals have been kept on the residential premises during the tenancy.~~

ADDITIONAL TERM - PETS - CLEANING, FUMIGATION AND REPAIRS

46. Where 'Additional Term - Pets' (Clauses 43, 44 and 45) have been crossed out, the following clauses (46.1 to 46.3 inclusive) will apply:
- 46.1 **The tenant agrees** not to keep animals on the residential premises without obtaining the landlord's consent.
- 46.2 **The landlord agrees** that the tenant may keep the following animals on the residential premises:

- 46.3 **The tenant agrees:**

- (a) to have the carpet professionally cleaned, at the tenant's own expense, if the cleaning is required because animals have been kept on the residential premises during the tenancy.

- (b) to have the residential premises fumigated, at the tenant's own expense, if the fumigation is required because animals have been kept on the residential premises during the tenancy.
- (c) where there is any damage to the residential premises as a result of animals having been kept on the residential premises, to repair such damage at the tenant's own expense.
- (d) to indemnify the landlord in respect of any damage to property or claims made as a result of damage to any person or property caused or arising from animals having been kept on the residential premises during the tenancy.
- (e) when requested to provide written evidence of compliance with Clauses 46.3(a), 46.3(b) and 46.3(c) to the landlord/landlord's agent.

ADDITIONAL TERM - CONDITION REPORT

47. Where the landlord has in compliance with the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* provided the tenant with the landlord's signed condition report and the tenant has not returned the condition report within 7 days of receipt the tenant will be deemed to have accepted the condition report.
- 47.1 The condition report will form part of and be included in this agreement.

ADDITIONAL TERM - INSPECTIONS

- 48.1 The tenant will permit the landlord/landlord's agent, on entering the residential premises in accordance with Clause 23.5 (inspect the premises) of the Standard Terms, to record the condition of the residential premises by taking photos and/or videos. The photos or videos will be used to compare with photos or videos taken in the preparation of the condition report provided to the tenant at the start of the tenancy. Such comparison is to assist in identifying any damage or defects that may arise during the tenancy. Photos or videos may not be used for advertising or any other purpose and copies will be provided to the tenant on request at no charge. Should the landlord/landlord's agent require photos or videos of the residential premises for any purpose other than as outlined above the landlord/landlord's agent must obtain the tenant's written authorisation.
- 48.2 Reasonable care will be taken to avoid including details of the tenant's personal property and effects in such photos or videos.

ADDITIONAL TERM - CARE OF PREMISES

49. **The tenant agrees**, in addition to the requirements of Clauses 15, 16 and 17 of this agreement:
- 49.1 to place all household rubbish suitably bagged and wrapped in the bin provided by the local authority and to put the bin out for collection on the designated day for collection and to remove the bin to the premises as soon as practicable after it has been emptied and return it to its allotted place. Where bins are lost or stolen it is the tenant's responsibility to replace the bins at the tenant's cost.
- 49.2 not to use any sink, basin, toilet, drain or like facility in or connected to the premises for other than their intended use or do anything that might damage or block the plumbing drainage or sewerage system on the premises.
- 49.3 not to hang washing or other articles outside anywhere but the areas designated for this purpose.
- 49.4 to maintain all garden areas including watering trees and other plants, to mow the lawn and remove garden rubbish (including pet waste) from the garden and lawn areas.
- 49.5 keep the premises free of rodents, cockroaches and other vermin and to notify the landlord promptly of any vermin or pest infestation which, should the presence of such vermin or infestation have arisen due to act or neglect on the part of the tenant, shall be the tenant's responsibility to remedy.

- 49.6 to, in respect to smoke alarms in the premises, advise the landlord/landlord's agent as soon as practicable when the tenant is aware a smoke alarm has failed or is about to fail.
- 49.7 where a product, fixture or fitting provided with the premises has a warning label or safety instructions attached the tenant is not to deface, damage or remove such label.
- 49.8 to properly look after and not alter or remove any landlord's property including fixtures, furniture, electrical and other appliance and equipment let with the premises and only to operate appliances or equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or landlord's directions.
- 49.9 not to do anything that involves painting, marking or defacing the premises internally or externally or using nails, screws or adhesives without the prior written consent of the landlord.
- 49.10 not to affix any television antenna to the premises.
- 49.11 not to maliciously or negligently damage the premises or any part of the premises.
- 49.12 to replace cracked and/or broken glass where such breakage has arisen as a result of malicious damage or other action on the part of the tenant or it's guest/s.
- 49.13 to replace any light bulbs and fluorescent tubes that have blown during the term of the tenancy.
- 49.14 to take all reasonable steps to prevent the occurrence of mould or dampness in or about the premises and will advise the landlord promptly of the occurrence of mould and dampness at the premises.
- 49.15 to notify the landlord of any infectious disease at the premises.

ADDITIONAL TERM - SWIMMING POOL SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE

If Clause 40 is deleted this clause is not applicable.

50. Swimming Pool Safety and Maintenance

- 50.1 At the commencement of the tenancy, the landlord will:
- (a) handover the pool in a condition that is safe for use
 - (b) provide to the tenant a copy of the pool compliance certificate together with all relevant documentation and instructions on the use and maintenance of the swimming pool.
- 50.2 During the term of the tenancy:
- (a) the tenant must comply with all safety requirements of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* in particular ensure:
 - (1) child-restraint barriers are in place and properly maintained,
 - (2) access gates and doors are securely closed at all times,
 - (3) at all times to maintain and not interfere with, move or obscure in any way warning notices and resuscitation signs in the immediate vicinity of the swimming pool,
 - (4) at all times, there are no climbable objects near the child-restraint barriers that would allow children to access the swimming pool.
 - (b) where a child-restraint barrier, warning sign or resuscitation sign is damaged and becomes ineffective the tenant must advise the landlord or the agent immediately.
 - (c) the tenant is responsible for general maintenance including:
 - (1) regular cleaning of filter baskets
 - (2) maintaining required water levels
 - (3) removing vegetation and other rubbish from the pool
 - (4) maintaining the pool water condition
 - (5) regular pool services
 - (6) payment of costs for all required pool chemicals

- (7) advising the landlord or the agent immediately of any pool related problem.

50.3 Immediately prior to the end of the term of the tenancy the tenant will provide to the landlord or the agent:

- (a) opportunity to inspect the pool; and/or
- (b) a pool condition report completed by a professional pool service company.

The tenant is to return the pool in good order and condition as at the beginning of the tenancy.

50.4 The landlord is responsible for repair of the pool and repair or replacement of the pool equipment resulting from general wear and tear and for reasons beyond the tenant's control and responsibility however, the tenant will be responsible for any damage or want of repair arising from the tenant's failure to comply with its obligations.

50.5 If the tenant does not maintain the pool and pool equipment to the satisfaction of the landlord acting reasonably, the tenant will be in default and the landlord may seek to recover, in compliance with the Act, any loss or damage incurred.

ADDITIONAL TERM - RENTAL BOND

51. The parties agree the rental bond cannot be used for payment of the rent unless the landlord and tenant both agree in writing.

ADDITIONAL TERM - TERMINATION

52. On termination or expiration of the term **the tenant agrees:**

- (a) to deliver vacant possession in accordance with the termination notice
- (b) to deliver up all keys and security devices
- (c) to advise as soon as possible of the tenants contact address

53. The termination of this agreement by notice or otherwise shall not affect in anyway either party's right to compensation for breach of the terms of this agreement nor either party's obligations to comply with this agreement and the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010*.

54. Should the agreement be terminated by the tenant (other than as permitted under the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010*) before the ending date of this agreement and where Additional Term Clauses 41 and 42 have been crossed out:

- (a) the tenant will be required to pay rent until the tenant has moved out and handed back the keys; and
- (b) the tenant may be liable to pay, for the balance term of the tenancy, any loss of rent incurred by the landlord in re-letting the premises where the landlord/landlord's agent has taken reasonable steps to reduce or minimise rental losses
- (c) the parties are not relieved from their obligations to mitigate any loss on termination.
- (d) the landlord may seek Tribunal orders for compensation, including out of pocket and other reasonable expenses, as provided by sections 187(1)(c) and (d) and 187(2) of the Act.

55. Acceptance by the landlord of payment of rent or other monies owing by the tenant after service of a notice of termination by the tenant will not amount to or be seen as a waiver of such notice or any of the landlord's rights under this agreement or the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010*.

Note: Where the tenancy is at an end and the tenant does not vacate the premises the landlord is entitled to make an application to the Civil and Administrative Tribunal for vacant possession and/or compensation.

ADDITIONAL TERM - END OF TERM OR OCCUPANCY

56. The tenant will on vacating the premises:

- (a) Return all keys, keycards and other security devices (if any) and make good the cost of replacement should any of these items not be returned or be lost at any time.
- (b) At the end of the tenancy have all carpets cleaned to a standard no less than the standard as provided by the landlord/landlord's agent at the start of the tenancy.
- (c) Fair wear and tear excepted, repair damage to the premises arising or as a result of the tenant's or its guest's actions including damage (if any) caused by the tenant's pets.
- (d) Remove all the tenant's property from the premises including rubbish and property on the premises not the property of the landlord.
- (e) Leave the premises (including the grounds) in a neat and tidy condition.
- (f) Fumigate as reasonably required if pets have been on the premises.
- (g) Provide written evidence (eg. receipt, invoice) of compliance with the requirements of Clauses 56 (b), (c) and (f) to the landlord/landlord's agent on or before vacating.
- (h) Return all remote control devices in good working order and condition including batteries, and where not returned, make good the cost of replacement.

ADDITIONAL TERM - OCCUPANTS

57. Taking into account the provisions of Clause 16.3 of this agreement, all persons using the premises as occupants or otherwise must comply with the provisions of this agreement and the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010*.

ADDITIONAL TERM - TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

58. On termination **the tenant agrees** to leave telecommunication services (for example telephone, internet, television - analogue, digital or cable) in the same condition as at the start of the tenancy, and ensure (if required) the services are transferred or terminated as the landlord may direct.

59. Prior to entering into this agreement the tenant must satisfy itself as to the availability and suitability of any telecommunication services to the premises.

60. The landlord gives no warranty as to the provision or adequacy of such telecommunication services or as to the provision or serviceability of fittings in the premises relating to such services.

ADDITIONAL TERM - STATUTES AND BY-LAWS

61. The tenant will at all times comply with all statutes, orders, regulations, by-laws (including by-laws referred to in Clause 35 if applicable) and management statements relating to the premises or the tenant's occupation of the premises.

ADDITIONAL TERM - INSURANCE

62. The landlord is not responsible for insuring the tenant's own property.

63. **The tenant agrees**, not by act or omission to, do anything which would cause any increase in the premium of any insurance the landlord may have over the premises (or their contents) or cause such insurance policy to be invalidated.

ADDITIONAL TERM - RENT INCREASE

- 64A.** In the case of a fixed term agreement for less than 2 years the tenant agrees, if a rent increase is stated in the rent increase section on the first page of this agreement then, subject to clause 5, the rental may be increased during the term and such increase shall be as set out in the rent increase section on the first page of this agreement.
- 64B.** Where the agreement is for a period of 2 years or more the rent payable must not be increased more than once in any period of 12 months and may be increased (subject to clause 5) whether or not the agreement sets out the rent increase or method of calculating the increase.

Note: *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* section 41:

Notice of a rent increase must be given by a landlord or landlord's agent in accordance with this section even if details of the rent increase are set out in the residential tenancy agreement.

ADDITIONAL TERM - PRIVACY

- 65.** (a) The landlord's agent must comply with the provisions of the Australian Privacy Principles (*Privacy Act 1988 (CTH)*) and where required maintain a Privacy Policy.
- (b) The Privacy Policy outlines how the landlord's agent collects and uses Personal Information provided by you as the tenant, or obtained by other means, to provide the services required by you or on your behalf.
- (c) You as the tenant agree the landlord's agent may, subject to the *Privacy Act 1988 (CTH)* (where applicable), collect, use and disclose such information to:
- (1) the landlord of the premises to which this agreement applies, insofar as such information is relevant to the managing and/or leasing of the premises; and/or
 - (2) residential tenancy databases for the purpose of enabling a proper assessment of the risk in providing you with the tenancy and if applicable listing tenancy agreement breaches (subject to the provisions of Part 11 Division 2 of the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010*); and/or
 - (3) previous managing agents or landlords and nominated referees to confirm information provided by you; and/or
 - (4) tradespeople and similar contractors engaged by the landlord/landlord's agent in order to facilitate the carrying out of works with respect to the premises; and/or
 - (5) the landlord's insurance companies; authorised real estate personnel; courts and tribunals and other third parties as may be required by the landlord's agent relating to the administration of the premises and use of the landlord's agent's services; and/or
 - (6) a utility connection provider where you request the landlord's agent to facilitate the connection and/or disconnection of your utility services; and/or
 - (7) Owners Corporations.
- (d) Documents or copies of documents provided to establish the identity of the tenant or persons entitled to deal on behalf of the tenant, will be retained by the landlord's agent in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles and will not be used for any purpose other than confirming the identity of such person/s.
- (e) Without provision of certain information the landlord's agent may not be able to act effectively or at all in the administration of this agreement.

- (f) The tenant has the right to access such Personal Information and may require correction or amendment of any inaccurate, incomplete, out of date or irrelevant information.
- (g) The landlord's agent will provide (where applicable), on request, a copy of its Privacy Policy.

ADDITIONAL TERM - DATA COLLECTION

- 66.** Upon signing this agreement the parties agree the landlord's agent, and the form completion service provider providing this form, may without disclosing Personal Information collect, use and disclose to Data Collection Agencies information contained in this agreement.

ADDITIONAL TERM - RELATED DOCUMENTS / NOTICES / ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

- 67.** (a) The parties agree and confirm any documents and communications in relation to this Agreement may be forwarded electronically and where this document has been forwarded electronically (either for signing or otherwise) the party receiving the document confirms having consented to the delivery of the document (and any other materials) by way of the electronic means of delivery before receiving the documentation.
- (b) A Related Document to be served on any party under this Tenancy Agreement shall be in writing and may be served on that party:
- (1) by delivering it to the party personally; or
 - (2) by leaving it for the party at that party's address as stated in this Tenancy Agreement; or
 - (3) by posting it to the party by ordinary mail or security mail as a letter addressed to the party at the address as stated in this Tenancy Agreement; or
 - (4) by email to the party at the appropriate email address as stated in this Tenancy Agreement; or
 - (5) by delivery to an alternative address, provided in writing by the party, by any of the methods outlined in Clauses 67(b)(1) to (4) above.
- (c) A document posted shall be deemed to have been served, unless the contrary is shown, at the time when, by the ordinary course of post, the document would be delivered.
- (d) A document sent by electronic communication will be deemed to have been received in accordance with Section 13A of the *Electronic Transactions Act 2000 (NSW)*.
- (e) Documents given by a party's solicitor will be deemed to have been given by and with the authority of the party.
- (f) Documents must be served before 5pm on a business day, failing which, such document will be deemed to have been served on the next business day.
- (g) The parties acknowledge and agree an Electronic Document readily accessible via a link within a Related Document is received when the Related Document is served and will be opened when the Related Document is opened.
- (h) The parties agree to execution, delivery and service of documents electronically by a method provided by DocuSign or such other agreed electronic signature service provider.

NOTES

DEFINITIONS

1. In this agreement:
 - (1) **data collection agency** means an agency or organisation that collects real estate data to provide information to the real estate, finance and property valuation industries to enable data analysis.
 - (2) **electronic document** means any electronic communication (including Notices) as defined in the *Electronic Transactions Act 2000 (NSW)* including any electronically generated document situated on an external server readily accessible via a link within an electronic communication or other electronically generated document.
 - (3) **landlord** means the person who grants the right to occupy residential premises under this agreement, and includes a successor in title to the residential premises whose interest is subject to that of the tenant.
 - (4) **landlord's agent** means a person who acts as the agent of the landlord and who (whether or not the person carries on any other business) carries on business as an agent for:
 - (a) the letting of residential premises, or
 - (b) the collection of rents payable for any tenancy of residential premises.
 - (5) **LFAI Register** means the register of residential premises that contain or have contained loose-fill asbestos insulation that is required to be maintained under Division 1A of Part 8 of the *Home Building Act 1989*.
 - (6) **personal information** means personal information as defined in the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*.
 - (7) **related document** means any written communication (including Notices) with regard to this matter between the parties, including any Electronic Documents.
 - (8) **rental bond** means money paid by the tenant as security to carry out this agreement.
 - (9) **residential premises** means any premises or part of premises (including any land occupied with the premises) used or intended to be used as a place of residence.
 - (10) **tenancy** means the right to occupy residential premises under this agreement.
 - (11) **tenant** means the person who has the right to occupy residential premises under this agreement, and includes the person to whom such a right passes by transfer or operation of the law and a sub-tenant of the tenant.

CONTINUATION OF TENANCY (if fixed term agreement)

2. Once any fixed term of this agreement ends, the agreement continues in force on the same terms as a periodic agreement unless the agreement is terminated by the landlord or the tenant in accordance with the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* (see notes 3 and 4). Clause 5 of this agreement provides for rent to be able to be increased if the agreement continues in force.

ENDING A FIXED TERM AGREEMENT

3. If this agreement is a fixed term agreement it may be ended by the landlord or the tenant by giving written notice of termination. The notice may be given at any time up until the end of the fixed term but cannot take effect until the term ends. The landlord must give at least 30 days notice and the tenant must give at least 14 days notice.

ENDING A PERIODIC AGREEMENT

4. If this agreement is a periodic agreement it may be ended by the landlord or the tenant by giving written notice of termination. The notice may be given at any time. The landlord must give at least 90 days notice and the tenant must give at least 21 days notice.

OTHER GROUNDS FOR ENDING AGREEMENT

5. The *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* also authorises the landlord and tenant to end this agreement on other grounds. The grounds for the landlord include sale of the residential premises, breach of this agreement by the tenant and hardship. The grounds for the tenant include sale of the residential premises (not revealed when this agreement was entered into), breach of this agreement by the landlord and hardship. For more information refer to that Act or contact NSW Fair Trading on 13 32 20.

WARNING

6. It is an offence for any person to obtain possession of the residential premises without an order of the Civil and Administrative Tribunal if the tenant does not willingly move out. A court can order fines and compensation to be paid for such an offence.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Special Conditions to this Agreement where inserted at the direction of the Landlord were prepared by the Landlord or an Australian Legal Practitioner under instruction from the Landlord and not from the Agent. No warranty is given by the Agent with respect to such clauses. Legal advice should be sought.

SIGNATURES

THE LANDLORD AND TENANT ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO ALL ITS TERMS.

SIGNED BY THE LANDLORD:

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(Signature of landlord or landlord's agent on behalf of the landlord)

in the presence of:

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(Name of witness)

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(Signature of witness)

SIGNED BY THE TENANT:

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(Signature of tenant)

in the presence of:

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(Name of witness)

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(Signature of witness)

SIGNED BY THE TENANT (2):

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(Signature of tenant 2)

in the presence of:

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(Name of witness)

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(Signature of witness)

SIGNED BY THE TENANT (3):

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(Signature of tenant 3)

in the presence of:

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(Name of witness)

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(Signature of witness)

SIGNED BY THE TENANT (4):

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(Signature of tenant 4)

in the presence of:

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(Name of witness)

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(Signature of witness)

The tenant acknowledges that, at or before the time of signing this residential tenancy agreement, the tenant was given a copy of the New Tenant Checklist published by the NSW Fair Trading.

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(Signatures of tenants)

For information about your rights and obligations as a landlord or tenant, contact:

- (a) NSW Fair Trading on 13 32 20 or www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au, or
- (b) Law Access NSW on 1300 888 529 or www.lawaccess.nsw.gov.au, or
- (c) your local Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service at www.tenants.org.au