

Paying rent in advance

How much rent in advance is a landlord allowed to ask for?

This usually depends on whether the tenant will be paying rent weekly or fortnightly.

When paying rent



A landlord can ask for

No more than 1 week's rent before tenants move in

No more than 2 weeks' rent before tenants move in

Rent will have to be paid again

1 week after tenants move in and then every week

2 weeks after tenants move in and then every 2 weeks

A bond is different to rent in advance. Bond is money that a landlord can ask tenants to pay as security when they move into a property.

The landlord can ask for bond money up to the equivalent of 4 weeks' rent.

The bond is held by Tenancy Services and can be used to cover unpaid rent, damage to the property or any claim relating to the tenancy.

For more information, visit www.tenancy.govt.nz