

## Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2019 now in force

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27 August 2019

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The Act was created to address issues related to:

- liability for damage to rental premises caused by a tenant
- methamphetamine contamination in rental premises
- rental premises that are unlawful for residential use.

Full information about how this new law affects tenants and landlords [is available here \(http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/about-tenancy-services/news/ta2-passed/\)](http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/about-tenancy-services/news/ta2-passed/).

[View the Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2019 brochure. \[PDF, 457 KB\]](http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/files/residential-tenancies-amendment-act-2019-brochure.pdf)  
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The Act also allows for:

- [regulations to be made that address contamination of rental properties is tested and managed](http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/starting-a-tenancy/renting-affected-properties/renting-a-property-affected-by-methamphetamine-p/)  
(<http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/starting-a-tenancy/renting-affected-properties/renting-a-property-affected-by-methamphetamine-p/>)
- [the combination of the insulation statement and healthy homes statement into one separately signed statement](http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/starting-a-tenancy/tenancy-agreements/required-statements-for-tenancy-agreements/)  
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- [a new requirement for landlords to include an insurance statement in tenancy agreements. \[PDF, 35 KB\]](http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/files/insurance-statement.pdf)  
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An updated [Residential Tenancy Agreement and Boarding House Tenancy Agreement](http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/starting-a-tenancy/tenancy-agreements/#related-content)  
(<http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/starting-a-tenancy/tenancy-agreements/#related-content>) is now available.

We are also currently going around the country with our [Renting and You Roadshow](http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/about-tenancy-services/events/) (<http://www.tenancy.govt.nz/about-tenancy-services/events/>), educating regions on the Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2019 and the healthy homes standards. Registration is free and available from our website.