

New 'Private Residential Tenancy' comes into force on 1 December 2017

The introduction of the new Private Residential Tenancy means that it will no longer be possible to create an assured or short assured tenancy from 1 December 2017 onwards (existing tenancies that were taken out before 1 December 2017 will continue to operate as they do currently until they come to an end).

To find out more information about the new tenancy please use the following links:

Tenant information

[Private residential tenancies: information for tenants](#)

Landlord Information

[Private residential tenancies: information for landlords](#)

It is the law that a landlord must give their tenant(s) a written tenancy agreement. The Scottish Government has produced a 'Model Private Residential Tenancy Agreement' to help do this which includes both mandatory clauses that must be included when using the model tenancy as well as discretionary terms which a landlord may or may not choose to include. A link to the new model tenancy is below.

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/10/3669>

When a landlord uses the 'Model Private Residential Tenancy Agreement' they must also provide their tenant(s) with a copy of the 'Easy Read Notes for the Scottish Government Model Private Residential Tenancy Agreement' which explain all of the different parts of your tenancy agreement. A link to the Easy Read Notes is provided below.

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/10/3671>

A digital version of the Scottish Government Model Private Residential Tenancy Agreement that can be completed online will also be provided on the Scottish Government website by mid-November 2017.

Sometimes a landlord will choose not to use the 'Model Private Residential Tenancy Agreement'. A landlord can use a different tenancy agreement as long as it sets out all of the statutory terms. If a landlord decides to do this they must provide their tenant(s) with a copy of the 'Private Residential Tenancy Statutory Terms Supporting Notes' which includes information about the nine tenancy terms which must be provided in the tenancy agreement by law. A link to this document is below:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/10/8776>

If you have any questions please send them to PRSTenancies@gov.scot

[This leaflet is for guidance only, you should seek independent legal advice if you are unsure of your responsibilities as a landlord.](#)

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