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What is the Rental Housing Tribunal?

It is an independent body, appointed by the MEC in terms of the Rental Housing Act, **Act 50 of 1999, as amended**, to resolve disputes between landowners and tenants in rental residential dwellings. It is a dedicated body that is established to provide free, effective, and efficient services to resolve disputes.

What are the powers of the Rental Housing Tribunal?

- Determine jurisdiction.
- It can summon and/or subpoena a landowner or tenant to a hearing or mediation.
- · It may conduct physical/in-person or virtual hearings.
- I can issue mandatory or prohibitory interdicts that require a tenant or landowner to comply with any part of the Rental Housing Act.
- Its ruling has the same power as a judgment of the Magistrate Court.
- It can impose a fine and or judgement.
- It can make determinations for fair rentals.
- It can issue spoilation orders, etc.

Who may lodge a complaint and how?

Any tenant or landowner or group of tenants or landowners or interest group/s may lodge a complaint to the Rental Housing Tribunal.

The complainant fills in a prescribed form, which can be requested from rht@nwpg.gov.za and or downloaded from the North West Department of Human Settlements website and or obtained from Rental Housing Information Officers at Local Municipalities.

The complainant form can be submitted in the following ways:

- e-mail to rht@nwpg.gov.za
- Physically deliver at the Rental Housing Tribunal Office or the Rental Housing Information Office of Local Municipalities.

What are some of the matters that the Rental Housing Tribunal can deal with?

- Illegal lockouts or illegal disconnection of services such as water and electricity.
- Failure to refund a deposit.
- Property damage.
- Failure to pay rental and or other services as per the lease agreement.
- Illegal evictions, but the Rental Housing Tribunal does not have the jurisdiction to hear applications for eviction orders.
- Force entry.
- Non-compliance with house rules.
- Harassment and intimidation.
- Failure to issue receipts.
- Unlawful seizure of the property/goods of tenants.
- Prohibiting the establishment of a tenant committee and tenant activities.
- Termination of municipal services.
- Causing a nuisance.
- Overcrowding and causing health hazards.
- Exploitative rentals and determination of fair rentals.
- · Lack of maintenance and repairs.
- Discrimination by landowners against prospective tenants.

Do parties pay any fees?

No, there are no costs involved for either party from the time the complaint is lodged to the end of mediation or hearing. However, where there is no compliance with the ruling of the Rental Housing Tribunal, there are Sheriff costs incurred to enforce the ruling.

Does the Rental Housing Act apply to a business or commercial property?

No.

Does the Rental Housing Act apply to all residential dwellings?

Yes, it applies to all dwellings used for residential housing purposes, irrespective of who the owner/landowner is.

What is a dwelling?

A dwelling includes any house, hostel room, hut, shack, flat, apartment, room, outbuilding, garage, or similar structure a landowner leases to a tenant to live in for residential purposes.

What are the rights of tenants?

- Not to have his/her person searched.
- Not to have his/her property searched.
- · Not have his/her possession/s seized without an order of the court.
- Privacy.

What are the obligations of a tenant?

- · Pay rent when due and payable under a lease agreement.
- Ensure that premises are occupied principally for residential purposes. Keep the premises reasonably clean and tidy.
- Notify the landowner, as soon as possible after discovery, of any damages to the premises or any need for repairs and maintenance. Notify the landowner of the termination of the tenancy as per the lease agreement.
- When vacating the premises, remove all goods from the premises, leave the premises in a reasonably clear and tidy condition, remove all rubbish, return the landowner/s keys and security keys/ cards, leave the premises in the condition in it was found with fair wear and tear expected, and ensure that no item provided by the landowner is removed.

What are the rights of landowners?

- Prompt regular payment of all rental and other charges in terms of the lease agreement.
- Recover unpaid rental and other amount/s that are due after obtaining a ruling from the Rental Housing Tribunal or a court order.
- Terminate the lease agreement on grounds that do not constitute an unfair practice and are specified in the lease agreement.
- Upon termination of the lease, receive the property back in a good state and repossess the property after an order has been obtained.
- · Claim compensation for damages caused to the property.

What are the obligations of the landowner?

- Provide a tenant with a lease agreement.
- Provide premises that are reasonably clean and tidy and maintain the premises.
- Comply with all the requirements concerning buildings, health, safety, and any other legislation that applies to buildings and health and safe environments.
- Provide adequate access to services such as water, waste removal, and electricity.
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the landowner and none of the landowner's other tenants cause any interference with reasonable peace, comfort, or privacy in the use of the premises.

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COMPLAINT FORM FOR THE RENTAL HOUSING TRIBUNAL

Lodging a Rental Housing Complaint in terms of the Rental Housing Act, Act 50 of 1999

For official use:

Date received		Case number	er	RT/	
Case Manager		<u> </u>			
Mode of receipt	Walk-in	E-mail	Tele	phone	Referral
(tick only one)					
District		Location in	district		

PARTICULARS OF THE COMPLAINANT - the person who is lodging the complaint

Are you the ... (please tick the appropriate box):

		Tenant	Landlord	Agent	Caretaker	Association	Tenant Committee	
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Are you ... (please tick the appropriate box):

Male	Female	Prefer not to say

Personal details of the complainant (please complete all applicable fields in full):

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Full names	Surname
Identity number	Passport number
Telephone number	Alternative telephone number
E-mail address	Forwarding address
Physical address	Postal address
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Lockout from the property	Failure to pay municipal services
Seizure of goods	Failure to provide municipal services
Short notice to vacate	Disconnection of municipal services
Failure to accept notice to vacate	Damages to the property by the tenant
Illegal eviction	Damages to the property by the landlord
Failure to pay rent	Lack of or non-maintenance
Failure to refund the deposit	Health hazards
Increase rental amount without notice	Unacceptable living conditions
Excessive increase in rental amount	Overcrowding
Default on rental arrear payment	Sub-letting
Unilateral changes to lease agreement	Non-issue of receipts
Lease agreement termination	Unlawful entry
No copy of the lease agreement	Nuisance
Other (please specify other)	Other (please specify other)

PARTICULARS OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT Is there a written lease agreement? (please tick yes or no) Yes No If yes (please complete all applicable fields in full): Date signed The number of years it is valid Names of parties who signed If no (please complete all applicable fields in full): Describe how and when the verbal agreement was Names of parties who concluded the agreement concluded PARTICULARS OF THE RENT Provide all applicable details of the rental amounts (please complete all applicable fields in full): Monthly rental amount agreement By which date must the rent be paid per agreement R How much deposit was paid? R How is rent paid/received Cash Bank Other (please specify other) every month? Is electricity included in the Included in the rent: Prepaid - tenant pays Other (please specify other) rent? additional Is water included in the Included in the rent: Prepaid - tenant pays Other (please specify other) additional rent? Is the levy (for estates) Included in the rent: Tenant pays additional: Other (please specify other) included in the rent? Additional rental amounts? (please specify in detail and cost) Additional rental amounts? (please specify in detail and cost) Additional rental amounts? (please specify in detail and cost) Additional rental amounts? (please specify in detail and cost) For rental arrears (please complete all applicable fields in full): How much rent is in arrears? How many months does the rental arrears equate to?

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with identity number solemnly declare that the information supplied in this Complaint Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I accept that should any information supplied by me be found false, the Rental Housing Tribunal can nullify my complaint. I understand that if I want to withdraw my complaint, I should do so in writing to the North West Department of Human Settlements. I consent that the North West Department of Human Settlements may share, collect, use, distribute, and process my personal information to find a resolution to my complaint. I confirm that I have read and understood the declaration. **Date** Full name/s of the complainant Signature of the complainant LIST OF DOCUMENTS THAT MUST BE ATTACHED Please tick that you have attached the following documents: Photos Copy of your identity document/passport Lease agreement Notice to vacate the property

SUBMISSION OF THIS COMPLAINT FORM

Notice to terminate the lease agreement

Please submit this form as follows:

Letters/emails (that are applicable)

Rental payment receipt

Other (please specify other)

DECLARATION

Physical delivery	E-mail delivery				
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North West Province					
Telephone conta	act for enquiries				
Ms HH du Plessis	s – 0183883863/5				
Mr DJ Jood – 0605373200					
Ms MG Mosadi – 0605373334					
Mr OA Moseki	- 0787105536				

Municipal services payment receipt

Notice to increase the rental amount

Requests (any request) in writing

Other (please specify other)