

# RENTAL PROPERTIES MINIMUM STANDARDS Checklist

**Minimum standards fall into 14 categories. Check these off the list before you advertise today.**

# MINIMUM STANDARDS CHECKLIST SUMMARY

## Bathroom

- A property's bathroom must have a sink, a shower or bath, and hot and cold water.
- Showers must have a shower head with a 3-star water efficiency rating. If a rental provider can't install one – for example, because of the property's age – a shower head with a 1- or 2-star rating is acceptable.

## Electrical Safety

- Rental properties must have modern switchboards with circuit breakers and electrical safety switches. Rental providers must hire an electrician to check this.

## Heating

- There must be a fixed heater in the main living area that's in good working order. For rental agreements from March 2023, this heater should be energy efficient. If an existing heater isn't energy efficient, the rental provider must upgrade it.

## Kitchen

The property must have a kitchen with:

- A dedicated cooking and food preparation area.
- A sink in good working order connected to a reasonable supply of hot and cold water.
- A stove top in good working order that has two or more burners.
- If there's an oven, it must be in good working order.

## Laundry

- If there is a laundry on the property, the rental provider must ensure it's connected to a reasonable supply of hot and cold water.

## Locks

- External entry doors (other than screen doors) must have functional deadlocks or locks that people can unlock with a key from the outside. You must also be able to open the door without a key from the inside.

## Mould and Damp

- All rooms must be free from mould and damp caused by or related to the building structure.

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## Structural Soundness

- The property must be structurally sound and weatherproof.

## Toilets

- The toilet must be in good working order and connected to a sewerage or septic system.
- The toilet must be in a separate room, either by itself or in an appropriate room.

## Ventilation

- All rooms must have adequate ventilation, including the bathroom, shower, toilet and laundry.

## Vermin Proof Bins

- Rental providers must supply the renter with rubbish and recycling bins. Bins must be vermin-proof and meet council collection standards.

## Window Coverings

- The property must have curtains or blinds in rooms used for living or sleeping. They must open and close, block light and maintain privacy.

## Windows

- All external windows that people can open must have latches. The latches must secure the windows against outside entry.

## Window Covering Anchors

- From 1 December 2025, all corded internal window coverings, such as blinds and curtains, must have an anchor installed to secure the cords and prevent them forming loops.

**\*NOTE:** The minimum standards on this checklist are listed in alphabetical order and are a summarised version. For further details on the minimum standards, see: <https://www.consumervic.gov.au/housing/renting/repairs-alterations-safety-and-pets/minimum-standards/minimum-standards-for-rental-properties>