



Bond grant – help to pay a bond

Paying a bond can be one of the biggest costs of moving into private rental housing. For some people, it can mean the difference between moving and not moving.

The bond grant is for people who are able to move into private rental housing, but need some extra help. The bond grant may go towards a bond payment up to the amount of four weeks rent. To avoid creating further household debt it doesn't have to be paid back.

Who can get a bond grant?

Bond grants are decided on:

- Each person's specific situation and need.
- Whether other assistance is available to support the household to move.

Bond grants are available to people who would be able to get and stay in private rental housing with the right help, where they:

- are likely to be able to maintain housing in the private rental market but need some extra assistance to get into it
- meet residency qualifications
- meet specific income and asset limits
- are entering into a tenancy agreement under the Residential Tenancies Act 1986.

Applicants must provide evidence of the bond that is being charged for the property, such as the tenancy agreement or bond form signed by the landlord.

How much is the bond grant for?

The maximum amount that can be paid is equal to four weeks rent for the new property or \$2,000.00, whichever is less.

What other conditions apply?

A bond grant can only be paid once in a 12-month period.

Find out more

Call Work and Income on 0800 559 009
or Senior Services on 0800 552 002

If you're a Youth Service client,
contact your Youth Service provider.