



Rent in advance

Helping social housing tenants take the step into private housing

Rent in advance is a one-off payment for people who are able to move into private rental housing, but need some extra help. To avoid creating further household debt it doesn't have to be paid back.

People don't need to be receiving a benefit or pension to apply for this assistance.

Who can get rent in advance?

Rent in advance is decided on:

- each person's specific situation and need
- whether other assistance is available to support the household move
- whether or not the person could get into private rental housing without the payment.

Rent in advance is available to people who would be able to get and stay in private rental housing with the right help.

They must:

- be able to find and remain in private rental housing with the right support
- not be eligible for any other help with rent in advance
- be moving into a rental property that requires rent in advance
- meet residency qualifications
- meet specific income and asset limits.
- be entering into a tenancy agreement under the Residential Tenancies Act 1986.

How much is the assistance?

People can apply for rent in advance up to the cost of two week's rent or \$1,000, whichever is less.

What other conditions apply?

Rent in advance can only be paid once during a 12-month period. It won't need to be paid back.

Find out more

Work and Income **0800 559 009**

Senior Services **0800 552 002**

Youth Service Contact your Youth Service provider.