

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are houses furnished in Brisbane?

No, most are not furnished, some city apartments may be furnished but it's not the norm.

Do properties come with white goods?

Typically no, some landlords may include a fridge if it's built in, or a microwave. Many properties have dishwashers.

Can I break my lease in QLD?

Yes you can, under QLD lease legislation there is a break lease fee of:

- One week's rent plus any reasonable advertising costs (if incurred) and
- Compensation for loss of rent (until a new tenant is found or until the end date of the agreement – whichever happens first).
- The property manager/owner is legally required to minimise any costs associated with breaking the lease. If you feel they are not mitigating this loss, contact the RTA for assistance.

What is a bond?

It's the same as a security deposit, in QLD it's equivalent to 4 weeks' rent and is refunded at the end of the lease if no damage has been caused to the property. It can be as much as 6 weeks rent for high end or furnished properties.

Can I lease a property before I arrive?

You can but someone has to view it on your behalf, this is something Nuss can help you with by viewing and recording the property but it's highly recommended that you inspect the property yourself.

Can I enrol my children in school before I arrive?

If you choose a private school, then in principle, yes you can but if you choose a public school then no you cannot as you need to prove that you live in the school's catchment area.

Can my child start school at any time throughout the year or do they have to wait until the start of the new year?

They can start at any time throughout the year subject to obtaining a place.

Can I drive on my current licence?

Temporary visa holders can continue to drive in Queensland as long as their current international licence is in English (and valid) indefinitely. If it is not in English, they will need a translation to be attached to it. Most people on temporary visas who want to drive eventually apply for a Queensland licence if they are staying for an extended period or are seeking permanent residency as it is also a form of local photo I.D. that is easier to carry around. (Please refer to our factsheet on Transportation for further information).