

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are houses furnished in Canberra

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 ACT

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

- Six weeks rent if less than half way through tenancy
- Four weeks rent any other case
- One week's rent as re letting fee
- Act Residential Tenancy Agreements can also include a Fair clause for Posted People. This allows Military, Defence contractors, international corporations and Diplomats to be released from their lease with 8 weeks notice to vacate. Proof of their recall or next posting must be provided in writing to enact this clause.

What is a bond?

It's the same as a security deposit, in ACT 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.

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?

You can, for the first three months, then you will need to convert it to an ACT Drivers Licence, unless your licence is not in English (Please refer to our factsheet on Transportation for further information).