



TENANT EDUCATION PROJECT

Workshop #1 Ready to Rent?

REVIEW INFORMATION SHEET

Budgeting

- You will need a security deposit
- If you have a pet - you may need to pay an additional deposit upfront
- You may have installation/activation fee's
- Don't forget about the furniture and supplies you need to make your place livable
- It's important to be realistic how much rent you can pay each month
- Make sure you plan ahead and know what your expenses are going to be
- It's important to have a budget before you start looking

RTA

In Canada, each province has a different law on renting a home. The law in Alberta is different from the laws in other provinces.

In Alberta – the law is called the Residential Tenancies Act (RTA). It applies to most residential landlords and tenants.

The RTA applies to most residential tenants who live in one of the following: • a house, apartment, duplex or mobile home • a hotel or motel room if rented for more than six consecutive months • a rooming or boarding house (in most cases).

RTA Information at **Service Alberta**
1-877-427-5088 rta@gov.ab.ca www.servicealberta.ca

Words to Know

Home	A place where someone can live. For example , a house, an apartment or basement suite
Landlord	A person who rents a home to a tenant
Property Manager	A person that the landlord hires to collect rent and do other tasks that the landlord is responsible for
Tenant	A person who lives in a home rented from a landlord (also known as a renter)
Rental Applications	A form that your landlord may ask you to fill in when you rent a home
Rental Agreement or Lease (Residential Tenancy Agreement)	A written agreement between you and the landlord
Security Deposit (also known as Damage Deposit)	A one-time payment that your landlord will ask you to pay when you rent a home
Evict	To remove someone from a home
Residential Tenancies Act (RTA)	The Alberta Law that applies to most home renters
Residential Tenancies Dispute Resolution Services (RTDRS)	An Alberta government service that deals with conflicts between landlords and tenants
Inspection Report	A report that shows the physical condition of a home