



FACT SHEET 3 - FINDING A PROPERTY TO RENT

There are several ways to search for a property to rent in the private market including:

- internet searches
- newspapers
- real estate agents
- through friends and family and by word of mouth.

When you start looking, it may help if you make a list of all properties in your price range, the listing real estate agent and their contact details.

Use this list to keep track of the properties you have inquired about, inspected or applied for. Make sure you cross places off the list if you find they are not suitable or not available.

Internet Searches

Some popular websites that allow you to search for properties are:

- www.domain.com.au
- www.realestate.com.au
- www.myhome.com.au

You can use these websites to search for:

- a particular suburb
- different property types – units/apartments, houses, shared accommodation
- number of bedrooms, bathrooms and garages/carports
- properties in your price range.

Newspapers

You can find properties to rent in most Queensland newspapers in the 'to let' or 'shared accommodation' sections.

Real estate agents and word of mouth

- Look at the real estate agencies' 'to let' or 'for rent' displays on their front window.
- Look for 'to let' or 'for rent' signs outside properties in the area where you would like to live.
- Speak to your local real estate agent directly. Leave your contact details with them so that if something suitable becomes available, they can contact you.
- Look on the noticeboards at TAFE colleges, universities, shopping centres, supermarkets, local shops and cafés for shared accommodation (universities websites are useful for shared accommodation).
- Ask friends and family to let you know if they hear of something that might suit you.

For further information

This fact sheet is part of a series of fact sheets, including:

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- Fact Sheet 2 – *Documents you need to rent a property*
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