



Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2024 Commencement Order 2025

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 28th day of October 2025

Present:

Hon David Seymour presiding in Council

This order is made under section 2(4) of the Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2024 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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This order is the Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2024 Commencement Order 2025.

2 Commencement of remaining provisions of Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2024

The remaining provisions of the Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2024 that have not earlier been brought into force come into force on 1 December 2025.

Rachel Hayward,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order brings into force, on 1 December 2025, the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Amendment Act 2024 that are not already in force.

The provisions being brought into force amend the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 to implement changes relating to tenants keeping pets in rental properties, including the following:

- a tenant must obtain the approval of the landlord to keep a pet;
- the landlord may only refuse a tenant's request to keep a pet on reasonable grounds;
- the landlord may require a tenant to pay a pet bond for keeping a pet.

There are transitional provisions to protect existing pets that are kept by a tenant before 1 December 2025 in accordance with the tenancy agreement or the landlord's consent, or if the tenancy agreement did not prohibit the tenant from keeping a pet. A tenant will not be required to obtain approval or pay a pet bond for keeping those existing pets.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.

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This order is administered by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development.