

Finding a rental property

There are many ways to find a property to rent in the private market including:

- internet searches
- local newspapers
- local real estate offices and websites
- by word of mouth and through friends and family.

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 enquired about, inspected or applied for.

Internet searches

There are many websites that allow you to search for rental properties, including:

- 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 in their front window.
- Look for 'to let' or 'for rent' signs outside properties in areas where you want 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 (university websites are useful for shared accommodation).
- Ask friends and family to let you know if they hear of something that might suit you.

Need more help?

Visit www.housing.qld.gov.au/contact/offices/index.htm for the contact details of your nearest Housing Service Centre or call 1300 880 882.

