

Checklist for meeting a potential landlord



There are a lot of benefits to being a WeekDay lodger, but it's important to find the right space and landlord for you.

Here are some suggested questions to ask prospective landlords when you inspect a space.

Questions to ask and things to clarify:

- Have you rented the room out before? If yes, which lodgers have worked out the best for you and why?
- Will you be using the room on weekends?
- Am I able to leave any personal belongings?
- (If there is a shared bathroom) What is your schedule in the morning? What time would I be able to use the bathroom to get ready?
- Are sheets and towels supplied and laundered?
- Which areas in the rest of the house are private or communal?
- Is there any parking or parking permits available?
- Locks and keys?
- What will be provided in the room?
- Will I have access to any laundry facilities, like an iron and ironing board?
- (If desired) Will I have access to the kitchen, including space in the freezer, fridge and kitchen cupboards?
- Is there any heating/cooling?

Important details to agree on and include in a rental agreement:

- Start date
- End date if known
- Notice period you or your landlord will provide to end the arrangement
- Weekly rent, on what day and how it will be paid
- Deposit, including when it will be returned and under what circumstances deductions will be made and how much
- Whether any bills that are payable beyond the rent

Tenancy agreements and other forms and relevant information are also available on your state regulatory body website:

- **NSW Fair Trading**
- **Queensland Residential tenancies authority**
- **Consumer Affairs Victoria**