

## Landlord's declaration

Please return the completed form to your local Department of Communities office or send to:

### Department of Communities

Private Rental Aboriginal Assistance Loan  
Locked Bag 5000  
Fremantle WA 6959

This is to confirm that I (please print)

(landlord/agent's name)

of

  

(address/agency)

Phone number

I am the landlord/agent for

(tenant's name)

of

  

(tenant's address)

who is/are in rental arrears of \$

or equivalent to  week's rent.

(number)

The tenant will be allowed to remain in the accommodation and an eviction will not proceed if the rental arrears are paid in full by the Department of Communities on behalf of the tenant.

Landlord's signature

(Please affix agent's stamp)

Date

The Housing Authority operates within the Department of Communities.

Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) – Telephone: 13 14 50

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Department of Communities

## Department of Communities offices\*

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### Metropolitan offices

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10 Orchard Avenue  
Armadale 6112  
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**Cannington**  
17 Manning Road  
Cannington 6107  
Tel: (08) 9350 3244

**Fremantle**  
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Fremantle 6160  
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**Joondalup**  
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Joondalup 6027  
Tel: (08) 9404 3300

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2 Stidworthy Way  
Kwinana 6167  
Tel: (08) 9411 9500

**Mandurah**  
Unit 1, 17 Sholl Street  
Mandurah 6210  
Tel: (08) 9583 6100

**Midland**  
21 Old Great Northern Highway  
Midland 6056  
Tel: (08) 9250 9191

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Mirrabeeka 6061  
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605 Wellington Street  
Perth 6000  
Tel: (08) 9476 2444

**Victoria Park**  
269 Albany Highway  
Victoria Park 6100  
Tel: (08) 9350 3700

### Great Southern

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131 Aberdeen Street  
Albany 6330  
Tel: (08) 9845 7144

**Katanning**  
6 Daping Street  
Katanning 6317  
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### South West

**Bunbury**  
22 Forrest Avenue  
Bunbury 6230  
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**Busselton**  
Suite 1A, 9 Harris Road  
Busselton 6280  
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30-32 Rose Street  
Manjimup 6258  
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### Goldfields

**Esperance**  
92 Dempster Street  
Esperance 6450  
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84-90 Brookman Street  
Kalgoorlie 6430  
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30 Robinson Street  
Carnarvon 6701  
Tel: (08) 9941 6500

**Geraldton**  
201 Marine Terrace  
Geraldton 6530  
Tel: (08) 9923 4444

**Meekatharra**  
14 Main Street  
Meekatharra 6642  
Tel: (08) 9956 5000

### Pilbara

**Karratha**  
The Quarter HQ  
Level 2, 20 Sharpe Ave  
Karratha 6714  
Tel: (08) 9159 1700

**South Hedland**  
Cnr Brand & Tonkin Sts  
South Hedland 6722  
Tel: (08) 9160 2800

### West Kimberley

**Broome**  
30 Frederick Street  
Broome 6725  
Tel: (08) 9158 3600

**Derby**  
West Kimberley House  
16-22 Loch Street  
Derby 6728  
Tel: (08) 9158 4000

### East Kimberley

**Halls Creek**  
Lot 72-73  
Great Northern Hwy  
Halls Creek 6770  
Tel: (08) 9168 9300

**Kununurra**  
16 Coolibah Drive  
Kununurra 6743  
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### Wheatbelt

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27 Mitchell Street  
Merredin 6415  
Tel: (08) 9081 3800

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Narrogin 6312  
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5 Elizabeth Place  
Northam 6401  
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# Private Rental Aboriginal Assistance Loan (PRAAL)



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\* For housing related matters

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## What Is PRAAL?

The Private Rental Aboriginal Assistance Loan (PRAAL) is an interest-free loan made available to eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in private rental accommodation who are at risk of eviction and homelessness as a result of rent arrears.

## Who qualifies?

Private rental tenants who meet the following criteria:

- are an Indigenous Australian or have an Indigenous Australian child/family member in the household
- be income and asset eligible for a bond assistance loan
- reside in private rental accommodation (not community housing or public housing)
- be a signatory to the tenancy agreement and contribute to the weekly rent, and
- reside in a household at risk of eviction with a minimum of two weeks and a maximum of six weeks rental arrears.

You cannot receive a PRAAL if you are a tenant of community housing or public housing.



## How do I apply?

You will need to:

- complete a PRAAL application form
- sign an agreement to attend financial counselling.

You will need to provide the following along with your application for a PRAAL:

- proof of identity
- income statement from Centrelink or your employer
- a copy of the notice of breach or termination notice where available
- written explanation of the circumstances and the reason why the rent has fallen into arrears
- the landlord will need to complete the form on the back of this brochure to provide evidence that you will be allowed to stay in the accommodation
- provide proof that the rent payments have restarted.

If you are successful with your application, two to six weeks of rental arrears will be paid on your behalf by the Department of Communities directly to the landlord.

The information provided in the application form may be shared with your landlord.



## Some common reasons for financial hardship and difficulties paying rent

- funeral expenses
- change in household circumstances
- accommodating additional family members who visit the region for medical care or a cultural occasion
- medical expenses e.g. an ambulance bill or a hospitalised child.

## How do I pay the loan back?

The loan is repaid in regular payments of \$25 per fortnight. You can arrange for payments to be made by

- direct debit from your bank account
- direct deductions from your Centrelink payment
- by using a Department of Communities card at any post office or
- by BPOINT or BPAY.

