

## 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

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

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, contact us through the National Relay Service.

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Fremantle 6160  
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Midland 6056  
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Mirrabooka 6061  
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Perth 6000  
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Victoria Park 6100  
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Busselton 6280  
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Carnarvon 6701  
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Geraldton 6530  
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Meekatharra 6642  
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Karratha 6714  
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### West Kimberley

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Broome 6725  
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Narrogin 6312  
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5 Elizabeth Place  
Northam 6401  
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Department of Communities

# 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.

