



# Vacant Property Rental Incentive Scheme

## Fact sheet

### What you need to know

The Vacant Property Rental Incentive Scheme provides a \$5,000 grant to owners of long-term vacant residential properties to encourage them to make their properties available as long-term rentals.

To qualify, the property must have been vacant for the entire period between 8 November 2023 and 7 May 2024. If your property was used as a holiday home during this period, it may be considered vacant for the purpose of the scheme.

For the purposes of the Scheme the period of 8 November 2023 to 7 May 2024 inclusive shall be referred to as the 'vacancy period'.

Applications will be open until 6 November 2024 unless grant funds are otherwise exhausted.

### Am I eligible?

#### Yes

You must meet **all** of the below requirements:

- You own a single, self-contained property. This **does not** include ancillary dwellings (e.g. An ancillary dwelling is a small, self-contained additional dwelling unit located on the same lot as a single house, commonly referred to as a "granny flat").
- The property must have been vacant for the entire vacancy period.
- You enter into a residential tenancy agreement for at least 12 months with the tenancy commencing on or before 6 November 2024.
- You have an Australian bank account that payments can be made into.

#### No

If any of the below are applicable to you:

- You are not the owner of the property.
- You are not renting out the entire property i.e. only renting out one room.
- Your property was subject to a tenancy agreement anytime during the vacancy period.
- Your property was advertised or booked as short-term rental accommodation anytime during the vacancy period (i.e. there was a financial gain for you).
- You or any co-owner have received a payment under the Short-Term Rental Accommodation Incentive Scheme for the property.
- The property was used as the owner or co-owners' principal place of residence anytime during the vacancy period.



## How do I apply

Applicants are encouraged to [submit their application](#) online.

To apply online you must have established a digital identity such as [myGovID](#). A digital identity is a safe, secure and convenient way to prove who you are online to access government online services.

If you can't apply online, a manual application form is available by contacting Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54.

### Need more information?

Further information about the Vacant Property Rental Incentive Scheme, including Frequently Asked Questions, Terms and Conditions and Guidelines are available at [www.wa.gov.au/VacantPropertyRentalIncentiveScheme](http://www.wa.gov.au/VacantPropertyRentalIncentiveScheme).

You can also contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or email [cpgrants@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:cpgrants@dmirs.wa.gov.au)

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