Lease signing checklist

Go through this before you sign or pay. Deposit limits and rent rules are provincial; the tenant rights page links each one.

NAME _____ DATE _____

THE PLACE AND THE LANDLORD

- [ ] Viewed in person or by live video: [date]
- [ ] Landlord's full name and address for notices: [name and address]
- [ ] Landlord owns or manages the unit (how I checked): [how]
- [ ] Address matches the listing: [yes or no]

MONEY

- [ ] Monthly rent: [amount] · what it includes: [heat, water, electricity, internet]
- [ ] Deposit asked: [amount] · my province's limit from the deposit check: [amount]
- [ ] How I will pay: [method with a receipt; not cash without a receipt, not gift cards]
- [ ] Rent due date: [day of month]

THE LEASE

- [ ] Province's standard lease used, if there is one: [yes or no]
- [ ] Fixed term or month-to-month: [which] · ends: [date]
- [ ] Notice I must give to leave: [from my province's page]
- [ ] Rules on guests, pets, smoking, subletting: [summary]
- [ ] Move-in inspection booked: [date]
- [ ] Tenant insurance: [quote or policy]

Replace every [bracket] with your own words.

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Check current details on the official page. https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/consumers/renting-a-home (checked 2026-11-26)