Renting in Alberta: before you sign and move in

A Alberta version of our renting checklist: what to check before you sign, what to keep, and the official rules on deposits and leases from the provincial page.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ LANDLORD OR MANAGER _____

MONTHLY RENT _____ DEPOSIT PAID AND DATE _____

BEFORE YOU SIGN AND ON MOVE-IN DAY

- [ ] Saw the unit in person or by live video
- [ ] Landlord's identity and ownership checked
- [ ] Lease read in full; copy kept
- [ ] Security deposit is no more than one month's rent
- [ ] Fixed-term or periodic agreement type noted
- [ ] Receipt for every payment
- [ ] Move-in condition inspection done and signed, with photos
- [ ] Tenant insurance arranged

Official rules for Alberta are on the provincial page in the sources. They change; check before you sign.

SOURCES (CHECKED 2026-11-26)

Alberta says a security deposit cannot be more than one month's rent at the time the tenancy starts, and cannot be increased as rent increases. https://www.alberta.ca/starting-a-tenancy (checked 2026-11-26)