Renting in Nova Scotia: before you sign and move in

A Nova Scotia 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
- [ ] Saved the provincial forms page
- [ ] Deposit amount and receipt recorded
- [ ] Receipt for every payment
- [ ] Move-in condition inspection done and signed, with photos
- [ ] Tenant insurance arranged

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

SOURCES (CHECKED 2026-11-26)

Nova Scotia's Residential Tenancies page lists the tenant forms, including Form C (notice to leave at the end of the lease term) and Form S (application to return a security deposit). https://www.novascotia.ca/sns/access/land/residential-tenancies.asp (checked 2026-11-26)
Check current Nova Scotia deposit rules on the official page. https://www.novascotia.ca/sns/access/land/residential-tenancies.asp (checked 2026-11-26)