
Tenant rights



True or false

Write “T” in the space if the sentence is true. Write “F” if it is false. If the sentence is false, correct it.

1. _____ Amare and Stephanie are happy about the rent increase.
2. _____ The landlord says that if they cannot pay, he will ask them to leave.
3. _____ A landlord can raise the rent every six months.
4. _____ A landlord can increase the rent right away.
5. _____ Stephanie and Amare’s landlord did not follow BC’s tenancy rules.
6. _____ The Residential Tenancy branch only helps landlords.
7. _____ Tenancy rules are different in every province.

Can and can’t

Finish the sentences by adding “can” or “can’t”.

1. Stephanie and Amare _____ afford the rent increase.
2. The rules say a landlord _____ only raise the rent by a percentage equal to inflation.
3. Residential Tenancy Branch _____ give advice to tenants who need some.
4. A landlord _____ increase the rent with only one month’s notice.
5. Stephanie and Amare _____ check the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre website to learn more about BC’s rental rules.



Answers

True or false

1. F

Amare and Stephanie are **worried** about the rent increase.

2. T

3. F

A landlord can raise the rent every **12** months.

4. F

A landlord can increase the rent **after 3 months' notice**.

5. T

6. F

The Residential Tenancy branch **helps landlords and tenants**.

7. T

Can and can't

1. can't

2. can

3. can

4. can't

5. can

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Legal rent increases

Landlords can only increase the rent by a percentage equal to inflation. In 2019, landlords could raise the rent by 2.5%.

How much could the landlord raise the rent in 2019? Calculate the rent increases.

Example:

$$\$1200 \text{ per month} * (.025) = \underline{\$30}.$$

$$\text{The new rent is} = \underline{\$1230}.$$

1. The rent is \$600 a month.

$$\text{The increase is } \$600 * (.025) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\text{The new rent is} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

2. The rent is \$1500 a month.

$$\text{The increase is } \$1500 * (.025) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\text{The new rent is} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

3. The rent is \$1150 a month.

$$\text{The increase is } \$1150 * (.025) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\text{The new rent is} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Legal notice

A landlord must give 3 months' notice for a rent increase. If the landlord gives notice during this month, when will the price of the rent change?

1. March _____

3. October _____

2. January _____

4. June _____
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Answers

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1. The increase is \$15. The new rent \$615.
2. The increase is \$37.50. The new rent is \$1537.50.
3. The increase is \$28.75. The new rent is \$1178.75.

Legal notice

1. June
2. April
3. January
4. September

