

Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

1. Cost of securing a rental property ('move in' monies)

a) Holding deposit

A lessor (landlord) is not permitted to request or accept a holding deposit.

b) Rent in advance

A lessor can request that a tenant provides up to one calendar month's rent in advance.

c) Bond (security deposit)

The bond required cannot exceed the first four weeks of rent.

d) Pet bond

No pet bond is required.

2. ACT Government Tenancy Regulations

Rules and regulations – Residential Tenancies Act 1997 (see [link below](#))

https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/77/related/1/session/L2F2LzEvdGltZS8xNTEyMjc3MTk3L2dlbi8xNTEyMjc3MTk3L3NpZC9mVWJLR3Npclhha1Jxc2lHYUkxS2g2d2cycjMwZG9qZVNNSEdKY1NqMWdhRGU4TzdJRdZlZDhlSWJMb3l0RUZfU21DWUpWMHUxb0dwS1pkd1BETGRkQmV0dmtRa001MlpXbHVIV1Vsd2RyS0dCVGo5MURTOGVnN2clMjEIMjE%3D

3. Local councils

The ACT is the only state/territory that has no local Councils.

4. Real estate websites

<https://www.realestate.com.au/rent>
<https://www.domain.com.au/Utility>

5. Utility companies

Government website to compare and list the different suppliers for gas and electricity:

<https://www.energymadecasy.gov.au/>

6. Government schools

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/canberra-public-schools>

7. Driver's licence

You are required to obtain an Australian driver's licence within three months of your arrival.

<https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/home#/transport>