

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES TRIBUNAL**

The Residential Tenancies Tribunal has been replaced by the new ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) from the 2 February 2009.

Please replace any references to the Residential Tenancies Tribunal (RTT) with ACAT when reading any of our publications. The ACAT will continue to function in a similar way to the RTT and is in the same location.

The Residential Tenancies ACT 1997 is still current and will continue to be the law that applies to all private and public tenancies and occupancies in the ACT.

- An important new feature of ACAT is that it provides an internal right of appeal against its decisions. Time limits do apply to appeals. The general rule is that an appeal needs to be lodged within 28 days of the original Tribunal decision.
- Another change to be aware of is that if the Tribunal decides a matter in favour of the applicant, the Tribunal may now order the losing party to pay the applicant the filing fee of the application.

**Otherwise, your tenancy rights have NOT changed.**

For more details, contact the ACAT or go to their [website](#)::

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We will be updating information on our website if other changes occur. We are currently updating all information to include recent changes.