Bond Loan and Rental Grants

Queensland Disaster Response

Bond Loans and Rental Grants can help if you are seeking private rental accommodation as a result of a natural disaster in Queensland. You may be eligible for private rental assistance through the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy.

What is a Bond Loan?

A Bond Loan is an interest free loan for people who cannot afford to pay a full rental bond to move into private rental accommodation.

What is a Rental Grant?

A Rental Grant can help you meet the costs associated with moving into private rental accommodation. A Rental Grant is equivalent to two weeks' rent and is paid directly to the lessor/landlord.

You can apply for a Rental Grant to move into private rental housing if you are experiencing a housing problem; are exiting a hospital or health facility, correctional facility, other approved centre or Child Protection Service; are experiencing domestic and/or family violence; or are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The Rental Grant does not need to be repaid.

Am I eligible?

Many of the usual eligibility criteria may not apply to people affected by the recent disaster event however an assessment will be conducted to:

- consider your present financial circumstances, and
- ensure you have the capacity to sustain the tenancy for the time you need it.

How do I apply or find out more information?

Application forms are available from your local Housing Service Centre or online at https://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/blarga/

For applicants under the age of 18, please contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68) for more information.

If your property is uninhabitable because of a natural disaster, please provide evidence.

What do I need to supply with my application?

You will need to provide:

- proof of income for each applicant
- at least two forms of identification for each applicant (appropriate forms of identification are listed at section 4 on the Application for Private Rental Assistance or online)
- proof of Australian residency status for each applicant, and
- proof of current address for each applicant.

How to apply

Apply online or find out more information at: https://www.qld.gov.au/housing/renting/rent-assistance/bond-loan/bond-loan-rental-grant-guide. Alternatively, help is available through a Recovery Centre or from any Housing Service Centre.

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