

Landlords – learn about tenancy changes from beginning of December

The law on private sector tenancies is changing from 1 December 2017 and if you are a landlord then you might want to book yourself a place at this Scottish Association of Landlords event.

The free information session will be held on 24 October 2017 at Queen Margaret University from 6:00to 8:30pm.



Tenancies will become more flexible and the changes are intended to bring more clarity and security for both landlord and tenant.

The new tenancy rules coming in to force include:

- Tight restrictions for landlords on ending a lease – they will no longer be permitted to serve notice on a tenant without a specific cause.
- Rent increases only permitted a maximum of once a year.
- A ban on setting a duration for the lease or an end date.
- A set of mandatory and optional clauses.
- Changes to pre-tenancy information and documentation which landlords must provide to tenants.
- New appeal and arbitration procedures

A spokesman for the organisation said : “I am delighted that SAL is working in partnership with the Scottish Government to organise this event to provide information and advice to

landlords in the Lothians prior to the new tenancy agreement coming in to force on 1 December this year.

“I hope as many landlords as possible will come along to learn more and ask questions as well as find out more about how SAL can help them overcome any issues they might face in the future.

“This is only the first step in what we hope will be a programme of activity working with a variety of partners in the public and charitable sectors to provide information to the public. The new agreement will only be effective if it is clearly understood and effectively enforced to ensure responsible landlords can flourish whilst the tiny number of rogue players who exist can be driven out of the market.”