



MEDIA ALERT

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**THE FREE STATE RENTAL HOUSING TRIBUNAL MEETS
STAKEHOLDERS – LANDLORDS AND RENTAL HOUSING AGENTS**

The first ever Free State Rental Housing Tribunal, operating as part of the Department of Human Settlements, will meet some of its primary stakeholders to brief landlords and property management agencies regarding the Free State Rental Housing Tribunal, its functions and operations.

The information session will focus on the rights and responsibilities of landlords and property management agencies in terms of the Rental Housing Act. The property rental market has often operated casually and outside the context of the legislation in some instances such as the informal rental arrangements in our townships and towns.

This meeting is a critical part of our awareness, information and education about the Rental Housing Act, which overall seeks to ensure a regulated harmonious working relationship between tenant, landlords and management agencies.

What is the Rental Housing Tribunal (RHT)?

The RHT is an independent body appointed by the MEC in terms of the Rental Housing Act to resolve disputes between landlords and tenants in residential dwellings. It is an alternative to costly court action. The Tribunal has the powers to summon a landlord or tenant to a mediation or Tribunal hearing. It can order a landlord or tenant to comply with any part of the Rental Housing Act and its procedural regulations. The ruling of the Tribunal has the same power as the judgement of a Magistrate's Court.

Details of the information session are as follows:

Date: 03 October 2018

Time: 10h00

Venue: Rose Hall A Bram Fischer Building

Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality

Corner Markgraaff Str and Nelson Mandela Drive



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