



Landlords Good Practices Act

(Wet goed verhuurderschap)

On 1 July 2023 the Landlords Good Practices Act entered into force. This law gives municipalities more powers to tackle undesirable practices on the rental market, such as housing discrimination, intimidation, unreasonable service costs and deposits that are excessively high.

What has changed for tenants?

Tenants are **better protected** and can **submit complaints** to their municipality.

What has changed for landlords?

Landlords need to **respect the new rules** on renting out accommodation.

What has changed for municipalities?

Municipalities are tasked with **enforcing the rules** and setting up **reporting offices**. They can also decide to introduce **rental permits**.



The new rules for landlords and rental agencies relate to:

- ✓ Tackling and preventing discrimination and intimidation
- ✓ Ensuring deposits are no more than 2 months' basic rent
- ✓ Ensuring rental agreements are in writing
- ✓ Making sure tenants know their rights and obligations concerning rented accommodation
- ✓ Preventing unreasonable service costs
- ✓ Introducing specific rules on renting to labour migrants
- ✓ Checking with the municipality whether a rental permit is required.