# Fact Sheet 12: Changes to rules around rent increases

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| Changes applying to rent increases in caravan parks, residential parks and rooming houses have not happened yet.  They will be in place from 29 March 2021.  For information on current laws, visit the [Renting section - Consumer Affairs Victoria website](https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/renting) <consumer.vic.gov.au/renting>. |

Changes to renting laws mean that rental providers cannot increase rent more than once every 12 months under any type of rental agreement. This will apply to all rental properties including rooming houses, caravan parks and residential parks.

The rent cannot be increased during a fixed-term rental agreement unless the rental agreement:

* states that the rent may be increased during the fixed term by a specified amount – in this case, the rent increase must not be more than that amount, or
* specifies the method that will be used to calculate the rent increase during the fixed term – in this case, the rent increase must not be more than the amount calculated using that method.

To increase rent, the rental provider must give the renter at least 60 days’ notice of the proposed rent increase.

The notice of a proposed rent increase must include the:

* amount of the rent increase
* way that this rent increase was calculated, and
* a statement informing the renter of their right to apply to Consumer Affairs Victoria to investigate and report on the proposed rent increase within 30 days.

The change limiting rent increases to 12 months for standard residential rental agreements began on 19 June 2019. The other rent increase changes will apply from 29 March 2021.

From 29 March 2021, these changes will also apply to caravan parks, residential parks and rooming houses.