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Clarification about the use of the prescribed tenancy agreement

On 19 June 2013 the Department provided clarification in [Issue 41: Important Reminder: Prescribed leases](#) that all written residential tenancy agreements (fixed-term or periodic) commencing after 1 July 2013 must be in the prescribed (standard) tenancy agreement ([Form 1AA](#)).

The Department is aware there is some confusion in the industry about the use of the prescribed tenancy agreement form and the Department wishes to clarify people's rights to publish the prescribed forms.

The prescribed tenancy agreement is freely available on the Department's website for you to use. The forms can be downloaded from the Commerce website and used by property managers and private landlords.

Other parties are able to produce and publish their own versions of the forms under licence, provided the forms comply with the content of the information in the prescribed forms. Minor variations in style, layout, etc. may be permissible.

If you are considering preparing your own version of the prescribed forms you should obtain your own independent legal advice.