



Housing Terminology



FLAT/UNIT	Apartment. Units are usually grouped together in smaller blocks than flats.
TOWNHOUSE	Sometimes in two storeys. Two to three bedrooms - small block.
GRANNY FLAT	Self-contained one bedroom or bedsitter at the rear of a main house.
BEDSITTER	Combined bedroom and living area (no separate bedroom).
STUDIO	Fancy name for a bedsitter or one bedroom apartment.
DUPLEX	Two units or houses which usually share a common driveway and sometimes a common wall (if joined).
SLEEPOUT	Small room (usually used as a bedroom) connected to the rest of the house by a doorway. Sometimes an enclosed balcony or veranda.
EN SUITE	Bathroom and toilet adjoining the bedroom.
FULL BOARD	Home stay. Usually all meals are provided; a fully furnished room including desk/table.
LEASE/TENANCY AGREEMENT	An agreement between the tenant/s and the owner or agent, specifying the length of the rental period and the amount of rent to be paid.
BOND	Usually four weeks rent deposited into a joint bank account & returned when you vacate the premises.
LETTING FEE	The equivalent of one week's rent, which may only be charged by a registered real estate agent. It is not refundable. It is illegal for a private landlord to charge a letting fee.

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ABBREVIATIONS

When looking for accommodation, you may come across some abbreviated terms. This list may be of help when determining what the terms mean.

aircon or a/c	air conditioned
ah	after hours
appl	appliances
avail	available
bbq	barbeque
b/g	below ground
birs	built in wardrobes
bm or brm	bedroom
b/t or b/tile	brick and tile
b/yard	backyard
c/port	carport
cpts	carpets
crt yd or c/yard	courtyard
dble	double
d/stor	double storey
dup	duplex
ens	ensuite bathroom
f/boards	floor boards
f/f	fully furnished
f/equipped	fully equipped
f/place	fire place
gdn	garden
grnd	ground
g/flat	ground floor flat or granny flat
gge	garage

hws	hot water system
kit	kitchen
loc or locn	location
Inge	lounge or living room
l/up	lock up or secure
mod	modern
opp	opposite
p/f	part furnished
pm	per month
pw	per week
renov'd	renovated
retic	reticulation or automatic sprinkler system
robes	wardrobes
s/cont	self contained
s/out	sleep out or an extra bedroom
sec	secured
smkr	smoker
t/h or t/hse	town house
t/out	throughout
u/c	under cover
u/f or unfurn	unfurnished
wc	water closet or toilet
w/mach	washing machine
wir	walk in wardrobes
yo	year old

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