

WHAT CAN A LANDLORD ASK?

LANDLORDS CAN ASK FOR:

- Letters of reference such as letters from past tenants, a credit check, and proof of monthly income.
- Since many newcomers will not have any rental history in Canada, landlords are **more likely to ask for source of income, which is an offence**. For more information, please [click here](#)

LANDLORDS CANNOT ASK FOR:

Under the *Alberta Human Rights Act*, landlords **are not allowed to ask** questions on these grounds:

- Race
- Colour
- Ancestry
- Place of origin
- Religious beliefs
- Gender (including pregnancy and sexual harassment)
- Gender identity
- Physical disability
- Mental disability
- Age: as of January 1, 2018, age restrictions (defined as 18 years or older) is a protected ground under the area of accommodation which means that age restrictions are not permitted in rental buildings. This excludes the landlord's choice to convert the building to seniors-only housing (55 years of age or older).
- Marital status
- Family status
- Source of income
- Sexual orientation

Additionally, **landlords cannot ask:**

- How long a newcomer has been living in Canada
- Whether relatives will be visiting them
- Whether they are planning to have any or more children

For more information, please visit the [Alberta Human Rights Commission](#) website.