

Sample agreement between co-tenants

Here's a sample agreement which you could put in place between you and your co-tenants (extracts from 'Crowded House Legal Guide to Share housing Tenants' Union of ACT').

The following conditions apply to sharing the premises at (address)

All tenants indicated below agree to

Rent:

Each provides ___ (amount) rent per week/fortnight/month (circle) to _____ (the landlord)

The rent will be paid via (please circle):

Collected from the house delivered to the agent paid to a bank account

Bills

We agree to:

- ❖ Pay an equal share of utility (power, gas and water) bills
- ❖ Keep a log of all phone calls I make and pay for those phone calls
- ❖ Pay an equal share of any additional services (e.g. washing machine rental, cleaning service, Pay TV)
- ❖ Pay all bills before the due date. I will pay these bills to:
 - Power _____ (name)
 - Phone _____ (name)
 - Gas _____ (name)
 - Water _____ (name)
 - Internet _____ (name) – if the same as phone, write 'as phone'

Chores

We agree to:

- ❖ Rotate dishwashing duties and ensure the dishes are done every ___ days
- ❖ Do my fair share of the household cleaning. This includes:
 - Doing the gardening: _____ (who will be responsible and EXACTLY WHAT THIS INCLUDES i.e. mowing the lawn once a month)
 - Cleaning the bathroom and toilet once a week/fortnight: _____
 - Vacuuming common areas once a week/fortnight: _____
 - Share grocery shopping/buy our own food/other (circle ONE)
If other: _____
 - Share cooking/cook own food/other (circle ONE). If other, please specify

Step by step for resolving disputes – agreeing to resolve disputes by communicating openly to sort issues out or using mediation or dispute resolution services.

Parties agree that if we want to make changes to the agreement that parties will negotiate around rent liabilities/finding replacement tenants and resolution of any shared bond issues

Signed by:

_____ (co-tenant 1) _____ (co tenant 2) _____ (co tenant 3)