

How To COMPLETE A TENANT PETITION

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- A tenant who believes that her/his rights have been denied based upon the statutory provisions outlined in the Rental Housing Act of 1985 (and all related amendments) has the right to file a tenant petition at the Office of the Rent Administrator - Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.
- Once the tenant petition is completed and filed with the Rent Administrator, the Rent Administrator must notify the housing provider in writing.
- The Rent Administrator reviews the petition for its legal merit.
- If it is determined that the issue(s) outlined in the petition can be resolved through conciliation or mediation, a meeting may be scheduled in an attempt to resolve the matter.
- If the issue(s) is not resolved, the petition is forwarding to the Office of Administrative Hearings for an official hearing.