

## HOW MUCH WILL I PAY?

Indigo Junction works your rent payment out by calculating 25 to 30 per cent of the combined assessable income of all people living in the property, plus 100 per cent of any eligible Commonwealth Rent Assistance.



## WHAT IF MY INCOME CHANGES?

If your income increases the amount you pay in rent will also increase. If your income decreases the amount you pay in rent will decrease.

Tell your support worker if your household income changes. This can happen if another person moves into your house or if someone moves out. Your worker will help make sure you are paying the right amount of rent by checking your payslips and Centrelink statements regularly.

## HOW DO I PAY MY RENT?

Most tenants have their rent deducted from their Centrelink payment (this is called a Centre-pay).

If your rent is not being deducted automatically, or if you would like to pay extra, you will need to pay cash at the Family Service or Youth Service office. If you would like to pay using EFTPOS, you will need to go to the Youth Office.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T PAY MY RENT?

If you get behind in your rent, you will be sent a letter to advise how much you are in arrears and you will need to make extra repayments to catch up.

If you keep getting behind in rent, workers can help you learn about budgeting. If you get too far behind in your rent, you may not be offered another lease.

If you would like to discuss any arrears with your support worker, please make arrangements for them to come out and visit you.

## RENT IN ADVANCE?

Usually when you move in to a rented house, you have to pay 2 weeks rent in advance. To help our tenants pay for food and moving costs, we do not charge rent in advance. You will be charged rent from your first payday after signing the tenancy agreement.

Indigo Junction strongly encourages tenants to pay a small amount on top of their required rent repayment each fortnight. This provides a small savings pool for use in the event that the tenant cannot meet a future rent payment for whatever reason. Any amount paid in advance can be refunded at the end of the tenancy.

## RENT ASSISTANCE

Indigo Junction staff can give you information about Commonwealth Rent Assistance. This is a payment from Centrelink that helps people with the cost of rent.



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR  
SUPPORT WORKER TO DISCUSS.**

