

Fact Sheet 4: Making a good impression

Your application may be competing with other people's applications for a rental property. The lessor decides how many people should live in the property and whether or not your application will be accepted.

You can create a good impression by:

- **Dressing neatly**, as if you are going for a job interview
- **Being on time** or early for appointments and open inspections
- **Taking only your partner or co tenants** to appointments and inspections so you can give the lessor/agent your complete attention
- **Introducing yourself** by name
- **Answering questions** politely
- Having a **list of any questions** you want to ask about the property
- **Taking photocopies of all documents** (ID, references) and a pen so you can complete an application straight away. Refer to *Fact Sheet 2 - [Documents you need to rent a property](#)*.

When you apply for a property, the lessor or agent will check your references and whether you are listed on a tenancy database. If you know that you are listed on a tenancy database, it is best to tell the agent this and explain why you are listed. *Fact Sheet 10: [Tenancy databases](#)* provides further information.

For more information

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