Minimum rental standards Victoria: 2027 checklist

It adds the energy items to Consumer Affairs Victoria's own checklist, which still shows today's 3-star shower head rule.

Rental address: _____ Lease ends: _____

Every rental, now

Consumer Affairs Victoria says the 15 categories don't apply to an agreement that became month-to-month before 29 March 2021. The safety and smoke alarm checks still do.

- ☐ Consumer Affairs Victoria's checklist done for the 15 categories
- ☐ 2-yearly electrical safety check in date, and gas safety check where there is gas
- ☐ Annual smoke alarm safety check arranged
- ☐ Fixed heater in the main living area meets the current standard (a gas space heater under 2 stars needs upgrading now)
- ☐ Records show the standards were met before advertising and before move-in

Before a new agreement or a conversion to month-to-month, from 1 March 2027

- ☐ Lease end date noted, and whether it's fixed or month-to-month
- ☐ Fixed cooler in, or with an outlet in, the main living area: in good working order and in place before 1 March 2027, or 3 star or above for the climate area (TCSPF 3.8 or above if ducted)
- ☐ Switchboard looked at for a new cooler when you book the safety check (our advice, not a standard)
- ☐ Ceiling checked: R5.0 batts (not foil-faced) where there is none, installed within 30 days after the pre-insulation electrical safety checklist
- ☐ 4-star shower head in every shower (3-star if the plumbing means a 4-star can't be fitted or won't work properly)
- ☐ VEU provider contacted before buying anything
- ☐ Cooler in before advertising, and by move-in day at the latest
- ☐ Relying on an exemption? Evidence on file

From 1 July 2027, also

- ☐ Seals on all external doors and windows; unsealed wall vents sealed or closed
- ☐ Gas check by a licensed or registered gasfitter within the last six months, where the rental provider supplies gas appliances, fixtures or fittings
- ☐ Flueless space heater or open-flued gas appliance installed? Don't draughtproof
- ☐ Flueless gas cooking appliance with no rangehood? The standard doesn't apply in the kitchen; follow the gasfitter's advice

When something fails and can't be repaired

- ☐ Heating: electric, in the main living area, 2 star or above for the climate area (HSPF 3.2 or above if ducted), unless an exemption applies
- ☐ Hot water: heat pump or electric-boosted solar, unless an exemption applies
- ☐ Cooler: 3 star or above for the climate area (TCSPF 3.8 or above if ducted), unless an exemption applies; ducted evaporative may be replaced with ducted evaporative

By 1 July 2030

- ☐ Fixed cooling in the main living area of every remaining rental, unless an exemption applies

On file for each job

- ☐ Model, proof of rating, invoice, and Certificate of Electrical Safety if issued
- ☐ Written notice given to the renter for entry

Checked 5 November 2026; general information only, so check Consumer Affairs Victoria for the current rules. Full guide: www.helcro.com.au/rental-minimum-standards-victoria/