## **TENANCY TRIBUNAL -** Christchurch | Ōtautahi

APPLICANT: Otautahi Community Housing Trust

Landlord

RESPONDENT: Gerald Houia

**Tenant** 

TENANCY ADDRESS: Unit/Flat 9, 72A Olliviers Road, Phillipstown, Christchurch

8011, Guthries Courts

#### **ORDER**

- 1. The tenancy of Gerald Houia at Unit/Flat 9, 72A Olliviers Road, Phillipstown, Christchurch 8011, Guthries Courts is terminated, and possession is granted to Otautahi Community Housing Trust immediately today 27 November 2023.
- 2. The Bond Centre is to pay the bond of \$312.00 (3435794-010) to Otautahi Community Housing Trust immediately.
- 3. Gerald Houia must pay Otautahi Community Housing Trust \$310.16 immediately, calculated as shown in the table below:

Description	Landlord	Tenant
Rent arrears to 27 November 2023	\$601.72	
Filing fee reimbursement	\$20.44	
Total award	\$622.16	
Bond	\$312.00	
Total payable by Tenant to Landlord	\$310.16	

#### Reasons:

1. Ms Jones and Mr Waters represented the landlord. The tenant did not attend the hearing.

- 2. The rent was at least 21 days in arrears at the date of the application.
- 3. The landlord believes that the tenant is no longer residing at the premises and has allowed others to reside there.
- 4. The landlord has established grounds for termination of the tenancy under section 55 of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986.
- 5. The landlord has proved the amount of rent owing up to today by the production of rent records.
- 6. As the application is successful, the tenant must pay the landlord's Tribunal filing fee.



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# Please read carefully:

Visit justice.govt.nz/tribunals/tenancy/rehearings-appeals for more information on rehearings and appeals.

## Rehearings

You can apply for a rehearing if you believe that a substantial wrong or miscarriage of justice has happened. For example:

- you did not get the letter telling you the date of the hearing, or
- the adjudicator improperly admitted or rejected evidence, or
- new evidence, relating to the original application, has become available.

You must give reasons and evidence to support your application for a rehearing. A rehearing will not be granted just because you disagree with the decision. You must apply within five working days of the decision using the Application for Rehearing form: justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Forms/TT-Application-for-rehearing.pdf

#### **Right of Appeal**

Both the landlord and the tenant can file an appeal. You should file your appeal at the District Court where the original hearing took place. The cost for an appeal is \$200. You must apply within 10 working days after the decision is issued using this Appeal to the District Court form: justice.govt.nz/tribunals/tenancy/rehearings-appeals

### **Grounds for an appeal**

You can appeal if you think the decision was wrong, but not because you don't like the decision. For some cases, there'll be no right to appeal. For example, you can't appeal:

- against an interim order
- a final order for the payment of less than \$1000
- a final order to undertake work worth less than \$1000.

#### **Enforcement**

Where the Tribunal made an order about money or property this is called a **civil debt**. The Ministry of Justice Collections Team can assist with enforcing civil debt. You can contact the collections team on 0800 233 222 or go to justice.govt.nz/fines/civil-debt for forms and information.

## Notice to a party ordered to pay money or vacate premises, etc.

Failure to comply with any order may result in substantial additional costs for enforcement. It may also involve being ordered to appear in the District Court for an examination of your means or seizure of your property.

If you require further help or information regarding this matter, visit tenancy.govt.nz/disputes/enforcingdecisions or phone Tenancy Services on 0800 836 262.

Mēna ka hiahia koe ki ētahi atu awhina, korero ranei mo tēnei take, haere ki tenei ipurangi tenancy.govt.nz/disputes/enforcing-decisions, waea atu ki Ratonga Takirua ma runga 0800 836 262 ranei.

A manaomia nisi faamatalaga poo se fesoasoani, e uiga i lau mataupu, asiasi ifo le matou aupega tafailagi: tenancy.govt.nz/disputes/enforcing-decisions, pe fesootai mai le Tenancy Services i le numera 0800 836 262.