



## Relocation Assistance FAQs

### What is relocation assistance?

Relocation assistance can be in the form of money, a comparable accommodation and/or services from a relocation specialist in locating a new place to live – all provided by the landlord.

### When is relocation assistance required?

Landlords are required to pay relocation assistance when tenants are permanently or temporarily displaced from their units through no fault of their own.

### What does it mean to be permanently or temporarily displaced?

- A tenant is **permanently displaced** if they are evicted for a [No-Fault reason](#) such as:
  - A landlord evicts a tenant so that they or their family member can move into the tenant’s unit,
  - Withdrawal of the unit from rental market (Ellis Act) or,
  - A government mandate.
- A tenant is **temporarily displaced** if they must temporarily leave their unit for one of the following reasons, until the issue is resolved:
  - Necessary repairs,
  - Rehabilitation (Major upgrades/repairs that increase value to the property),
  - Health and safety violations or,
  - Work that cannot be completed while the tenant remains in the unit.

### Who qualifies for relocation assistance?

Tenants who live in units subject to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that are being evicted for a “no-fault” reason or are being temporarily displaced qualify for relocation assistance.

### How much relocation assistance do permanently displaced tenants get?

Tenants are eligible for the following relocation assistance amounts, per unit:

| Relocation Assistance Amounts                   |          |           |            |            |             |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
|                                                 | Studio   | 1 Bedroom | 2 Bedrooms | 3 Bedrooms | 4+ Bedrooms |
| <b>Standard</b>                                 | \$7,654  | \$8,662   | \$10,797   | \$13,115   | \$14,759    |
| <b>Seniors, Minors, Persons w/ Disabilities</b> | \$9,272  | \$10,675  | \$13,359   | \$16,043   | \$17,995    |
| <b>Lower-Income Household</b>                   | \$10,980 | \$12,688  | \$15,921   | \$18,971   | \$21,411    |



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Relocation assistance is based on the size of the unit and not the number of tenants in the unit. However, if there is a Qualified or Lower-Income Tenant in the household, landlords must pay the Qualified or Lower-Income relocation assistance amount.

## Who is a Qualified or Lower-Income tenant?

Tenants who are seniors, persons with disabilities, or households with minor children are considered Qualified. Lower-Income Tenants are defined by the [California Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5](#).

## What relocation assistance do temporarily displaced tenants receive?

- Tenants who are temporarily displaced for **30 days or less** must be provided a per-diem (an allowance or payment made for each day).
- Tenants who are temporarily displaced for **31 days or more** must be provided either a per-diem or comparable accommodations to their unit, if available.

The current per-diem rate is **\$207** per night (including taxes), plus an additional **\$66** per adult for meals and incidentals and **\$33** per child, 12 and under. This rate is based on the [Federal General Services Administration](#) per diem rate for lodging in Los Angeles County, which is updated annually.

Note: Landlords must first obtain approval from the County before issuing a Notice of Temporary Relocation to their tenant(s).

## When will tenants receive the relocation assistance payment?

For permanent displacements, landlords must provide tenants with access to the funds in an established escrow account at the time a Notice of Termination is served to the tenant for approved “No-Fault” evictions. Landlords may make direct payments to tenants for approved temporary displacements, which should be done prior to the displacement, unless otherwise agreed upon by the landlord and tenant.

## What happens if there is disagreement about the relocation assistance the tenant is eligible for?

Please contact the Department of Consumer & Business Affairs for further assistance.

## Questions?

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