



# Private rental assistance

## Factsheet for clients

DCJ Housing offers a range of private rental assistance products to help you start or keep a tenancy. These products may offer you additional support in the private rental market. They also encourage real estate agents and landlords to approve your rental application.

### What assistance is available?

You may be eligible for one or more of the following private rental assistance products:

- **Rentstart Bond Loan** – an interest-free loan to cover part or all of the rental bond for eligible clients moving into a private rental
- **Advance Rent** – a grant of up to two weeks' rent for eligible Rentstart Bond Loan recipients who need additional help in setting up a tenancy
- **Tenancy Guarantee** – up to \$1,500 offered to real estate agents or landlords to cover rental arrears or property damage over and above the rental bond
- **Tenancy Assistance** – up to four weeks' rent to cover rent arrears and/or water arrears
- **Rent Choice** – a private rental subsidy that helps you pay the rent for up to three years. Financial assistance may be available if you are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and:
  - have had a major financial setback like illness or loss of job; or
  - are escaping domestic or family violence; or
  - are a veteran who has served in the Australian Defence Force; or
  - are a young person up to the age of 24; or
  - are a current DCJ social housing tenant transitioning into the private rental market.

### How do I find out more?

More information about each of these products is available online at **[www.facs.nsw.gov.au/privaterentalassistance](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/privaterentalassistance)**

Call the Housing Contact Centre on **1800 422 322** or visit your local DCJ Housing office or participating community housing provider to find out more.