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Residential Tenancies Act 1997

(Section 29C)

(Regulation 14)

STATEMENT OF INFORMATION FOR RENTAL APPLICANTS

- 1. Discrimination is treating, or proposing to treat, someone unfavourably because of a personal attribute. Discrimination is also imposing an unreasonable requirement, condition or practice that disadvantages persons with a personal attribute.
- 2. In Victoria it is unlawful to discriminate against someone in relation to certain personal attributes. This means that residential rental providers (rental providers) and real estate agents cannot refuse you accommodation or discriminate against you during your tenancy on the basis of personal attributes protected by law. The following is a list of some protected attributes that are sometimes discriminated against in the rental market—
 - age;
 - disability (including physical, sensory, intellectual disability and mental illness);
 - employment activity;
 - expunged homosexual conviction;
 - gender identity;
 - industrial activity (including union activity);
 - marital status;
 - parental status or status as a carer;
 - physical features;
 - political belief or activity;
 - · pregnancy or breastfeeding;
 - race;
 - · religious belief or activity;
 - lawful sexual activity or sexual orientation;
 - sex or intersex status;
 - association with someone who has these personal attributes.

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- Extending or renewing your agreement on less favourable terms than your original agreement based on your protected attributes (e.g. due to a disability).
- Issuing you with a notice to vacate based on your protected attributes.

The examples listed and similar actions could contravene the Act, the Equal Opportunity Act, or the Commonwealth Acts.

Getting help

- 8. If a rental provider or a real estate agent has unlawfully discriminated against you and you have suffered loss as a result, you may apply to VCAT for an order for compensation under section 210AA of the Act. VCAT may be contacted online at vcat.vic.gov.au/ or by calling 1300 018 228.
- If you would like advice about unlawful discrimination in relation to an application to rent or an existing agreement you may call Victoria Legal Aid on 1300 792 387.
- If you feel you have been unlawfully discriminated against when applying to rent, or once you have occupied a property, you or someone on your behalf may make a complaint to VEOHRC at humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/ or by calling 1300 292 153.