

# RentSmart

## A certificate program for Rental Knowledge and Skills

RentSmart (Ready to Rent) is a national rental education program. Originated in BC, we have adapted the program locally to assist those who want to understand their role as tenants, who may face barriers to housing, and who want to reduce those barriers. Common barriers to housing are affordability, a lack of references or rental history, poor credit history, and discrimination. The RentSmart courses address barriers and offer tools to reduce these barriers and increase housing stability.

The goal of Winnipeg Rental Network is to deliver education to meet a variety of learning styles and to also adapt workshops to meet population-specific needs. WRN's RentSmart educational model has six components and is backed by a [RentSmart certificate](#):

- Meaning of Home – understanding needs and wants;
- Tenant's rights and responsibilities;
- Landlord's expectations and responsibilities;
- Financial management for housing affordability;
- Taking care of Home – maintenance, fire, safety, pests;
- Effective communications



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