

Residential Tenancies Tribunal

Application 2023-0263-NL

Decision 23-0263-00

Jacqueline Williams
Adjudicator

Introduction

1. Hearing was called at 9:08 a.m. on 27-April-2023.
2. The applicant, [REDACTED], attended by teleconference.
3. The respondents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], hereinafter referred to as "respondent1 and respondent2" attended by teleconference.

Preliminary Matters

4. The applicant stated that she served the respondents with notification of today's hearing personally. Respondent1 confirmed receipt of notification on 10-April-2023.
5. During the presentation of the claim an issue of jurisdiction arose, this requires a decision, prior to deciding issues in the Application for Dispute Resolution. The following is this tribunal's decision regarding Jurisdiction.

Issues before the Tribunal

6. This tribunal is required to adjudicate on its jurisdiction to hear this claim.

Legislation and Policy

7. The jurisdiction of the Director of Residential Tenancies is outlined in sections 46 and 47 of the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2018*.
8. Also relevant and considered in this decision is the following section of the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2018*: Section 9: Landlord and tenant relationship.

Issue 1: Jurisdiction

Applicant's Position

9. The applicant divulged that she was living with the respondents but was not a renter. There was no rental agreement and she never paid rent to the homeowner.

Respondents' Position

10. Respondent1 confirmed that the applicant lived with them and did not pay rent. He confirmed that there was no rental agreement.

Analysis

11. Section 3 of the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2018* states:

Application of Act

3. (1) Notwithstanding another Act or agreement, declaration, waiver or statement to the contrary, this Act applies where the relationship of landlord and tenant exists in respect of residential premises.

(2) Notwithstanding another Act or agreement, declaration, waiver or statement to the contrary, this Act applies to residential premises, residential complexes and rental agreements, whether made before or after this Act comes into force.

(3) The relationship of landlord and tenant shall be considered to exist in respect of residential premises where the tenant

(a) uses or occupies residential premises **and**

(i) **has paid or agreed to pay rent to the landlord, or**

(ii) a governmental department or agency has paid or has agreed to pay rent to the landlord;

(b) **makes an agreement with the landlord by which the tenant is granted the right to use or occupy residential premises in consideration of the payment of or the promise to pay rent; or**

(c) has used or occupied residential premises **and**

(i) **has paid or agreed to pay rent to the landlord, or**

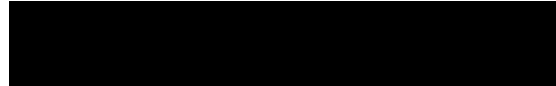
(ii) a governmental department or agency has paid or agreed to pay rent to the landlord.

12. The applicant and respondent had not entered into a rental agreement and are not in a landlord/tenant relationship. I determine that this application is not under our jurisdiction.

Decision

13. This claim is not under the jurisdiction of the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2018*.

May 1, 2023 —
Date


Jacqueline Williams, Adjudicator
Residential Tenancies Office