Did you get a rent increase in Portland? You may be able to get relocation assistance or have your increase rescinded!

As of September 16th, if any rent increase effective between September 16, 2020 and March 31, 2021 is received and the renter is unable to pay the increased rent, the renter is potentially eligible for Relocation Assistance as outlined in [PCC 30.01.085](https://www.portland.gov/phb/rental-services/news/2020/9/17/increased-relocation-assistance-protections-renters-rent).

If you get a rent increase notice before September 16th

*For rent increases that start between 9/16/20 and 3/31/21:*

- Write your landlord to notify them about the law.
- You have 45 calendar days after receiving the rent increase notice or until September 30, 2020, whichever is longer, to provide a written request for Relocation Assistance to the landlord.
- Your landlord has the option to rescind the rent increase notice and refund any increased rent already paid. They have 30 days to respond.

If you get a rent increase notice after September 16th

*For rent increases that start between 9/16/20 and 3/31/21:*

- Write your landlord to notify them about the law. If your landlord didn’t know about the law, they can rescind the rent increase notice. Your landlord has to send the written notice rescinding the rent increase to you within 30 days after you received your notice of rent increase.

For technical questions about this temporary amendment, please contact the Rental Services Office Help Desk at 503-823-1303 or [RentalServices@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:RentalServices@portlandoregon.gov).

Sample Letter:

[Date]

[Address of Landlord]

Dear [Landlord name],

I am a resident at [your address]. On _________(date), you served me with a notice of rent increase. As of September 16th, if any rent increase effective between September 16, 2020 and March 31, 2021 is received and that renter is unable to pay the increased rent, the renter may be eligible for relocation assistance. I am unable to pay the rent increase. Therefore, this is my notice that I intend to terminate my rental agreement as a result of your notice of rent increase unless the notice is rescinded. Therefore, please pay me the appropriate relocation assistance or rescind the rent increase notice as instructed under the temporarily amended Portland Ordinance 30.01.085 within 30 days.

If you have questions about this temporary amendment to code, please contact the Rental Services Office Help Desk at 503-823-1303 or RentalServices@portlandoregon.gov.

It is unlawful for a landlord to respond to this request by sending an eviction notice, increasing rent or otherwise retaliating [ORS 90.385]. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Your name]
[Address]