

Evict Tenant CT-750

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1 Business Process Overview

1.1 Context

This business process is one of the key activities within the Business Process Framework, as follows:

- Level 1 Manage Tenancies
- Level 2 Manage End of Tenancy
- Level 3 Manage Void

Relationship to other business processes

Manage Mediation or Tenancy Tribunal Application (CT-748)	leads into	Evict Tenant	which leads to	Manage tenant vacating (CT-749)
Anti-Social Behaviour			SMA	Manage suspension (CT-746)
Guideline (T-229)			OK	Manage Appeal to District Court (CT-745)
		al R		Manage vacant account (CT-755)

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this business process is to make sure Housing New Zealand follows the legal process for managing an eviction and the recovery of premises, making certain:

- Housing New Zealand acts as a fair and responsible landlord
- tenants have been advised of other emergency accommodation options
- the case must be able to stand up to public scrutiny.

1.3 Triggers

This business process is triggered when Housing New Zealand has a possession order from the Tenancy Tribunal and, either:

- the date specified in the order as the date on which possession is granted to Housing New Zealand is reached and the tenant has not vacated the property, or
 - in the case of a conditional order, the date on which it takes effect as a final termination order has passed and the tenant has not vacated the property.

1.4 Inputs

The following inputs are used in the business process:

 Tenancy Tribunal possession order or conditional possession order (including sealed mediated order granting possession).

1.5 Outputs

The following outputs are produced:

- Proposal for the eviction of a tenant (T-314)
- Eviction memo

1.6 Roles and responsibilities

The following roles are involved in this process:

Role	Responsibilities
Debt specialist/	Provides input to eviction proposal where required
tenancy tribunal specialist	
Senior tenancy manager	Completes sections 1-4 of 'Proposal for the eviction of a tenant' (T-314)
	Creates a business action in Kotahi
	Advises tenant of the upcoming eviction
	If the eviction is approved by the General Manager Tenancy Services and the Chief Executive:
	 prepares for the eviction, including liaising with the Police and contractors to arrange change of locks to secure the property
	attends the eviction
	if the area manager has not attended, notifies the area manager that the eviction has been carried out
Tenancy manager	Provides input to eviction proposal where required
i ename, manager	Prepares for the eviction
	Attends the eviction (if required)
Area manager	Reviews the eviction proposal and determines if the eviction should proceed
ERSEL	If does not agree it should proceed, returns proposal and reasons for declining to the senior tenancy manager
2ELL	If agrees it should proceed, completes sections 5 and 6 of 'Proposal for eviction of a tenant' (T-314), prepares eviction memo and forwards all paperwork to regional manager for approval
	If the proposal is approved by the Chief Executive
	files an 'Application for eviction warrant' at the district court in person, along with the filing fee of \$200
	liaises with the Police and the district court to find a suitable time for the eviction
	may need to provide an affidavit if evidence is required of a

Regional manager	 breach of a conditional order updates Kotahi with the vacation date notifies relevant staff once the eviction has been carried out Reviews the eviction proposal and determines if it should proceed If does not agree it should proceed, returns proposal and reasons for declining to the area manager If agrees it should proceed, signs the eviction memo and forwards the proposal to the General Manager Tenancy Services
General Manager Tenancy Services and Personal Assistant to General Manager Tenancy Services	 General Manager Tenancy Services: reviews the eviction memo and proposal T-314 if does not agree it should proceed, returns proposal and reasons to regional manager if agrees it should proceed, signs the eviction memo and forwards the proposal (via Personal Assistant) to the General Manager Communication and Stakeholder Engagement to review the media strategy (in section 6 of 'Proposal for the eviction of a tenant' (T-314)) and approve/sign it off (in section 7). on its return, forwards the full proposal (via Personal Assistant) to the Chief Executive for approval/decline. Personal Assistant: sends email to region advising the proposal has been signed off and if approved, is now ready for the 'Application for eviction warrant' to be filed at the district court.
Communication Team	 General Manager Communications and Stakeholder Engagement reviews and approves/signs off the communications strategy (section 7 of 'Proposal for the eviction of a tenant' (T-314) prior to the proposal going to the Chief Executive Prepares reactive responses to any media requests for information regarding the eviction
Chief Executive	 Approves/declines the eviction proposal Signs both the eviction memo and the proposal.

1.7 Process-related safety risks

The general hazards faced by staff when working in the office or while out of the office are documented in the 'Staying Safe and Secure guidelines' (HS-205).

Critical process-related safety risks identified as relating to this business process are derived from the hazard register, which is accessible to staff via 'HR Hub' found under 'Me and my work'

on ourSpace along with related hazard controls to manage the safety risk to an acceptably low level.

Risk Rating	Risk Description	Process Stage
	Personal safety:	Attend eviction, communicate and record outcome
	On-site or off-site assaults, threats to kill/harm, verbal abuse and intimidation	2
	Personal safety:	× 1000
	Drug manufacture at tenancy – risk of explosion, exposure to toxic chemicals, illicit drugs and threats to personal safety	Attend eviction, communicate and record outcome
!	Slips, trips or falls on the same level or from height	Attend eviction, communicate and record outcome
!	High workloads or over-exertion, poor workplace/site layout or poor workstation set-up	Prepare eviction proposal Review and approve/decline eviction proposal
	CIRI	Action decision not to proceed with the eviction
	THE OFFICIAL	Action decision to proceed with the eviction
		Prepare for eviction
		Attend eviction, communicate and record outcome
!	Motor vehicle accidents	Attend eviction, communicate and record outcome
	Dog attacks on Housing New Zealand staff and contractors when visiting tenants	Attend eviction, communicate and record outcome



Health, safety and security flags shown on the process diagram show the stage(s) with the highest health, safety and security risk. There may be lower levels of risk in the other stages.

2 Policy and Legislation

2.1 Related legislation

- Residential Tenancies Act (RTA) 1986
- District Courts Act 1947 and District Court Rules 2009

2.2 Policy context

Housing New Zealand will only instigate the eviction of a tenant as a last resort. An eviction will only be initiated as a result of an inability to reach a satisfactory agreement with the tenant directly or through mediation and/or the Tenancy Tribunal. Tenants will be offered a final opportunity to pay the debt in full, resolve any outstanding tenancy issues or to leave voluntarily.

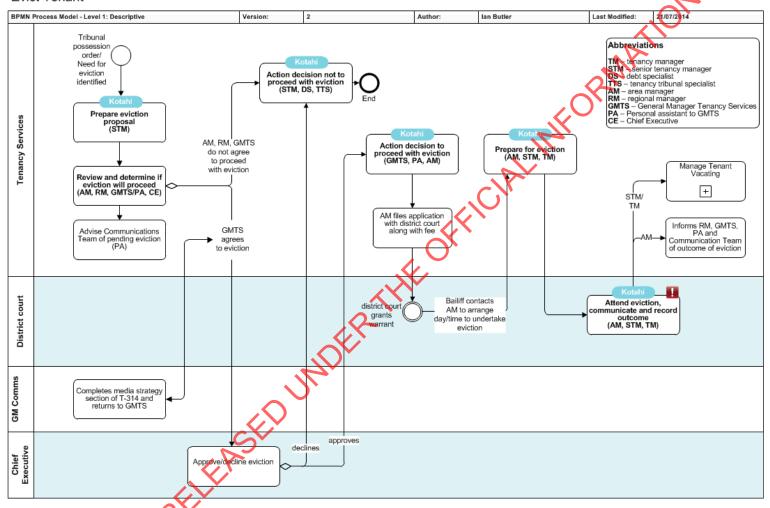
2.3 Business rules

ID	Rule	
1	All evictions must be approved by the Regional Manager, General Manager Tenancy Services and the Chief Executive.	
2	Evictions can only be carried out by district court bailiffs following the issue of a Tenancy Tribunal possession order (this includes a sealed mediated order granting possession) or where there is evidence that a conditional order has been breached by the tenant granting possession to the landlord (which may require an affidavit).	
3	The senior tenancy manager/tenancy manager must make a final attempt to allow the tenant to either remedy the breach (for example, pay debt in full) or leave the tenancy of their own accord. In some cases Housing New Zealand may still continue to proceed with the eviction even if the breach is remedied (for example, in the case of recidivist debtors). This will be decided on a case-by-case basis.	
4	No possession order can be filed in the district court more than 90 days after either the date of the order or, in the case of a conditional order under section 55(1A) or section 78(3) or section 88(2) of the RTA which states that it is an order to which section 64(4) of the RTA applies, the date on which the conditional order takes effect as a final termination order.	
5	The suspension process may run in parallel with eviction, see business process 'Manage suspension' (CT-746).	
6	All evictions must be recorded in Kotahi	



3 Process Diagram

Evict Tenant



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Procedures

4.1 Prepare eviction proposal

When to use

MFORMATION ACT NOS Use this procedure to prepare a 'Proposal for the eviction of a tenant' (T-314) when Housing New Zealand has been granted possession of the property by the Tenancy Tribunal, and the tenant has not vacated within the timeframe stipulated.

Role

Senior tenancy manager

Systems and tools

This procedure uses:

- Staying Safe and Secure (HS-205)
- Customer Risk Register (CRR)
- Hazard Register
- Safe work plan (HS-305)
- Proposal for the eviction of a tenant (T-314)
- Kotahi

Before beginning

Before starting this procedure, make sure preparation has been carried out from a health, safety and security perspective to actively manage risks by:

- being familiar with workplace hazards and hazard controls
- practising situational awareness
- participating in safety briefings and by planning workload
- following safe work practices both in the office and when mobile
- getting out if in doubt personal safety comes first.

Steps

Action

Check the tenant's risk profile in Kotahi. (MyPortal>ClientView>enter search criteria>check 'Key Details' field).

If the tenant has a Category A, B or C hazardous customer risk rating:

- activate the procedural practices for Hazardous Customers before continuing with this procedure
- discuss with the area manager and prepare a safe work plan. This is a requirement for a hazardous customer. The safe work plan will look at the variables and threat levels and determine how best to proceed

	implement the agreed safe work plan
	 refer 'Customer Risk Register (CRR) policies and business process 'Manage Customer Risk Register' (CT-751).
2	Complete sections 1 to 4 of 'Proposal for the eviction of a tenant' (T-314) found on ourSpace.
	Identify and note any confidential information in the proposal.
	Note: The proposal should be managed by the senior tenancy manager in consultation with the area manager and the appropriate specialist team.
3	Forwards all documents to the area manager for review.
4	Record the action in Kotahi, (Open 'Actions' region>Create>Create Action>select 'EVICTION' for '*Reason' field>complete fields and steps to create the business action path)
	path)

The area manager, regional manager, General Manager Tenancy Services and the Chief Executive each review the proposal and makes a decision about proceeding with the eviction. See procedure: Review and approve/decline eviction proposal.

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4.2 Review and approve/decline eviction proposal

When to use

Use this procedure to:

- review the proposal for eviction
- make a decision whether or not to proceed with the eviction
- approve the eviction (Chief Executive).

Role

- Area manager
- Regional manager
- General Manager Tenancy Services
- Personal Assistant to the General Manager Tenancy Services
- General Manager Communications and Stakeholder Engagement

Systems and tools

This procedure uses:

- Proposal for the eviction of a tenant (T-314)
 Kotahi
 Excel spreadsheet for tra

	Step	Act	ion	
	1	Review the proposal and all the supporting documentation supplied. Is the decision to proceed with the eviction?		
		√√ If	Then	
		ves and this is the area manager	 prepare the eviction memo (see section 5 of 'Proposal for the eviction of a tenant' (T-314) for what the eviction memo must contain) 	
?			make sure the proposal has been correctly completed and the appropriate documentation has been supplied	
			 complete section 5 of 'Proposal for the eviction of a tenant' (T-314) 	
			 forward the proposal and all supporting documents to the regional manager 	

Step	Act	ion	
•		•	this procedure ends.
	yes and this is the regional manager	•	sign and date the eviction memo provide any additional comments to support the proposal forward the proposal and all supporting documents to the General Manager, Tenancy Services
		•	this procedure ends.
	yes and this is the General Manager Tenancy Services/personal assistant to the General Manager Tenancy Services	•	sign and date the eviction memo record any comments forward the proposal and all supporting documents (via Personal Assistant) to the General Manager Communications and Stakeholder Engagement who will review the media strategy (section 6 of 'Proposal for the eviction of tenant' T-314) and approve/sign off in section 7.
	THEOFFICIA	•	on receiving the proposal back, forward it and all documentation (via Personal Assistant) to the Chief Executive for final approval this procedure ends.
		Not	te: e Personal Assistant to the General
	COUNDER		nager Tenancy Services will: log and update the case in the Excel spreadsheet for tracking evictions update the Parliamentary Questions Log if eviction approved
	yes and this is the Chief Executive	•	sign and date the eviction memo sign and date the 'Proposal for the eviction of a tenant' T-314
? ~		•	record any comments return the proposal and all documentation to the General Manager Tenancy Services
	No	•	record the decision and the reason for not proceeding on the eviction memo

Step	Action
	send all the paperwork back to the staff member who sent the proposal
	• this procedure ends.
	'

If at any stage, and prior to the proposal going to the Chief Executive, the eviction is not to proceed, return all the paperwork to the staff member who sent the proposal. The decision and paperwork will be passed down the chain of staff that reviewed and recommended the proposal. The senior tenancy manager actions the outcome on being advised of the decision. See procedure: Action decision not to proceed with eviction.

If the Chief Executive declines the eviction, the personal assistant to the General Manager Tenancy Services will notify the area manager who then advises the appropriate staff member(s). The senior tenancy manager actions the outcome on being advised of the decision. See procedure: Action decision not to proceed with the eviction.

If the Chief Executive approves the eviction, see procedure: Action decision to proceed with eviction.

4.3 Action decision not to proceed with eviction

When to use

Use this procedure to:

- update the business action in Kotahi
- decide on the next steps to be taken
- notify the tenancy manager.

Role

- Senior tenancy manager
- Debt specialist
- Tenancy Tribunal specialist

Systems and tools

This procedure uses:

- Staying Safe and Secure (HS-205)
- Customer Risk Register (CRR)
- Hazard Register
- Safe Work Plan (HS-305)
- Kotahi
- Proposal for the eviction of a tenant (T-314)

Before beginning

Before starting this procedure, make sure preparation has been carried out from a health, safety and security perspective to actively manage risks by:

- being familiar with workplace hazards and hazard controls
- practising situational awareness
- participating in safety briefings and by planning workload
- following safe work practices both in the office and when mobile
- getting out if in doubt personal safety comes first.

Step	Action
1	The senior tenancy manager records the decision in Kotahi. (MyPortal>ClientView>enter search criteria>open 'Actions' region>click on 'Please Select' next to the action>Action Details>create and complete the relevant Events)
2	The senior tenancy manager will return to the process that lead to the tenant being considered for eviction and decide the next steps to be taken to resolve the issue.

Step	Action
	For example, this may involve:
	discussion with the Debt team to recover the debt
	discussion with the Tenancy Tribunal team to obtain compliance with the Tenancy Tribunal order
	continuing the Anti-Social Behaviour Guideline process
	reviewing and updating the household action plan.
3	The senior tenancy manager will advise the tenancy manager of the decision and the next steps to be taken.

What happens next?

The relevant staff member(s) continue(s) carrying out the action(s) under the agreed process. This process ends.

4.4 Action decision to proceed with the eviction

When to use

Use this procedure to:

- advise the area manager of the outcome
- RMATION ACT 1982 prepare and file the 'Application for eviction warrant' at the district court.

Role

- **General Manager Tenancy Services**
- Personal assistant to General Manager Tenancy Services
- Area manager

Systems and tools

This procedure uses:

- Application for eviction warrant (Ministry of Justice)
- Affidavit with rent payment summary (http://www.justice.govt.nz/fines/documents/TT 04xpdf/view)
- HE OFFICIAL Staying Safe and Secure (HS-205)
- Customer Risk Register (CRR)
- Hazard Register
- Safe Work Plan (HS-305)
- Kotahi

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- following safe work practices both in the office and when mobile
- getting out if in doubt personal safety comes first.

Step	Action
1	On receiving the proposal and documentation from the Chief Executive to proceed with the eviction, the General Manager Tenancy Services/Personal assistant to the General Manager Tenancy Services will:
	email the area manager to advise the eviction has been approved and the area manager can now proceed to file the 'Application for eviction warrant' at the district

court along with the filing fee of \$200

- send the signed proposal and relevant documents to the area manager
- record the decision in an Excel spreadsheet for tracking evictions

this procedure ends.

- The area manager, on being advised the eviction is to proceed, will:
 - prepare the 'Application for eviction warrant' (Ministry of Justice) by completing sections A and B and file the application in person at the district court along with the filing fee of \$200, paid using Housing New Zealand's BNZ purchasing card
 - swear an Affidavit (http://www.justice.govt.nz/fines/documents/TT 01A.pdf/view) and attach a rent payment statement to the Affidavit if the eviction relates to a breach of a conditional order. The Affidavit with an attached rent payment summary must be sworn before a lawyer or registrar/deputy registrar of the district court. Affidavits are available at the district court and should contain the following statements: "the conditional order dated XX was not complied with"; "the tenant was required to pay XX dollars on ZZ dates but did not make the payments as required"; "possession is immediately granted to Housing New Zealand Corporation".
 - update the business actions in Kotahi. (Open 'Actions' region>click on 'Please Select' next to the action>Action Details>complete the relevant Events).

What happens next?

The district court grants the warrant and the bailiff:

- notifies the tenant(s) of the date and time they must vacate the premises
- contacts the local Housing New Zealand office to arrange a time to undertake the eviction. See procedure: Prepare for eviction.

The senior tenancy manager/tenancy manager and the area manager prepare for the eviction. See procedure: Prepare for eviction.

4.5 Prepare for eviction

When to use

Use this procedure to schedule:

- the day and time to meet the district court representative (bailiff) to enforce the warrant
- any other attendees who can support Housing New Zealand during the eviction, for instance Housing New Zealand staff or Police.

If the tenant has a risk rating, make sure all parties involved in carrying out the eviction are advised of the reasons for the rating.

Role victions victions ACO RIMATION ACO

- Area manager
- Senior tenancy manager/tenancy manager

Systems and tools

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Step	Action
1	Check the tenant's risk profile in Kotahi. (MyPortal>ClientView>enter search criteria> check 'Key Details' field)
	If the tenant has a Category A, B or C hazardous customer risk rating: activate the procedural practices for Hazardous Customers before continuing with this procedure

- discuss with the senior tenancy manager/area manager and prepare a safe work plan. This is a requirement for a hazardous customer. The safe work plan will look at the variables and threat levels and determine how best to proceed
- implement the agreed safe work plan.
- Refer 'Customer Risk Register (CRR) policies and business process 'CT-751 Manage Customer Risk Register'
- Following the filing of the 'Application for eviction warrant', the bailiff will contact the area manager to arrange a date and time for the eviction
- The area manager will:
 - advise the senior tenancy manager/tenancy manager and agree on who should attend the eviction, and whether the situation is so severe that the Police or other external parties should be present during the eviction
 - schedule the day and time for the eviction in their Outlook calendar
 - email the following with confirming details of when the eviction will take place and who will be attending:
 - General Manager Tenancy Services
 - regional manager
 - General Manager Communications and Stakeholder Engagement
 - Government Relations Unit.
- 4 The senior tenancy manager/tenancy manager will:
 - schedule the day and time for the eviction in their Outlook calendars
 - contact the agreed external parties and advise them of the need for support and when and where to meet on the eviction day
 - let a job in Kotahi for a contractor to change the locks during the eviction so the property can be secured – see business process: 'CA-780 Responsive repairs process guidelines'
 - phone maintenance delivery staff to organise for a contractor to meet at the agreed time and place
 - record the eviction time and date in Kotahi along with the work order reference number for the lock change work order (Open 'Actions' region>click on 'Please Select' next to the action>Action Details>complete the relevant Events)

The senior tenancy manager/tenancy manager and the area manager attend the eviction. See procedure: Attend eviction, communicate and record outcome.

4.6 Attend eviction, communicate and record outcome

When to use

Use this procedure to:

- of the companies of the provide general support during the eviction for the tenant and the district court representative (bailiff). This may include making sure the eviction is carried out in a calm and controlled manner. The eviction will be led by the bailiff
- communicate the outcome of the eviction to relevant staff
- record the outcome of the eviction in Kotahi.

Role

- Area manager
- Senior tenancy manager/tenancy manager

Systems and tools

This procedure uses:

- Staying Safe and Secure (HS-205)
- Customer Risk Register (CRR)
- Hazard Register
- Safe Work Plan (HS-305)
- Kotahi

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- participating in safety briefings and by planning workload
- following safe work practices both in the office and when mobile
- getting out if in doubt personal safety comes first.

Steo	Action
1	Check the tenant's risk profile in Kotahi. (MyPortal>ClientView>enter search criteria> check 'Key Details' field)
	If the tenant has a Category A, B or C hazardous customer risk rating:
	activate the procedural practices for Hazardous Customers before continuing with this procedure
	discuss with the senior tenancy manager/area manager and prepare a safe work

plan. This is a requirement for a hazardous customer. The safe work plan will look at the variables and threat levels and determine how best to proceed implement the agreed safe work plan refer 'Customer Risk Register (CRR) policies' and business process 'CT-751 Manage Customer Risk Register'. 2 Arrive at the agreed meeting place on time and walk through the upcoming eviction with the bailiff and other parties if applicable. Proceed from there and arrive at the property together with the bailiff. It is imperative that staff remain cool and calm during the eviction. Be prepared to: judge a potentially heated situation cooperate with the bailiff and Police where necessary • make immediate decisions in response to immediate situations If the media appears at the eviction, refer them to Housing New Zealand's Communications Team by direct line call to 04 4393590 or email media@hnzc.co.nz. 3 Carry out the final inspection of the property by completing Tenant/lessor property condition report (T-307), including any photo evidence of damages and condition of property. 4 The outcome of the eviction must be communicated immediately to the relevant staff in Housing New Zealand. The area manager is responsible for advising the following of the outcome: regional manager General Manager Tenancy Services Personal Assistant to General Manager Tenancy Services • General Manager Communications and Stakeholder Engagement. The senior tenancy manager/tenancy manager must record the outcome of the eviction 5 in Kotahi. (Open Actions' region>click on 'Please Select' next to the action>Action

What happens next?

Details>complete the relevant Events)

The tenancy manager will carry out the vacant process as set out in business process 'Manage tenant vacating' (CT-749).

The Personal Assistant to General Manager Tenancy Services will log the completed eviction in an Excel spreadsheet, update the Parliamentary Questions Log and (if required) notify the Manager, Government Relations Unit.