

APPLICANTS RIGHTS

If your application to rent an apartment is rejected, you have a right to know why. It is illegal for a landlord to refuse your rental application for discriminatory reasons.

French law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, colour, religion, national origin, sex, age, familial status (including not allowing children), and

It is also prohibited to discriminate for reasons of marital status and sexual orientation.

French housing law prohibits a variety of discriminatory conduct :

- Advertising cannot contain any statement indicating a preference or limitation based on any of the protected classes listed above.
- The landlord may not make any similar implication or statement.
- A landlord cannot say that an apartment is not available when in fact it is available.
- A landlord cannot use a different set of rules for assessing applicants belonging to a protected class.
- A landlord cannot provide different services or facilities to tenants in a protected class or require a larger deposit, or treat late rental payments differently.
- A landlord cannot end a tenancy for a discriminatory reason.
- A landlord cannot harass you.

If you were rejected because the landlord received negative information about you, including information from previous landlords, your employer, your bank or other third parties, you have a right to know why.

