

Tenant Viewing Checklist for Zimbabwe

Use this before you pay a deposit, sign a lease, or move in.

Before you travel

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| 1 | Confirm the exact suburb, nearest landmark, and viewing time. |
| 2 | Ask who will show the property: owner, agent, caretaker, or relative. |
| 3 | Ask what is included in rent: ZESA, water, WiFi, levies, refuse, security, parking. |
| 4 | Ask the move-in date, deposit, lease period, and notice period. |
| 5 | Ask for current photos or a short walkthrough video. |

At the viewing

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| 1 | Test taps, lights, sockets, locks, geyser, toilets, drains, doors, and windows. |
| 2 | Check for damp, roof marks, exposed wiring, cracks, leaks, and broken fittings. |
| 3 | Confirm water setup: municipal supply, borehole, tank, pump, or water schedule. |
| 4 | Confirm power setup: prepaid meter, solar backup, inverter, generator, or shared meter. |
| 5 | Check phone signal, internet options, parking, gate, boundary wall, and lighting. |

Before paying

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| 1 | Confirm who has authority to receive money. |
| 2 | Ask for written lease terms or at least a written offer. |
| 3 | Pay through a traceable method where possible. |
| 4 | Keep receipts, screenshots, messages, ID details shared with you, and viewing photos. |
| 5 | Record existing defects before moving in. |

Red flags

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| 1 | Pressure to pay before viewing. |
| 2 | Refusal to show authority to rent the property. |
| 3 | Bank or mobile money details keep changing. |
| 4 | Rent far below similar properties without a clear reason. |
| 5 | Avoiding written terms. |