



Proposed Methamphetamine Regulations for Rental Housing

A concise summary of the Government's proposal to regulate testing, thresholds and decontamination for meth residue in rental homes.

Key Thresholds

- 15 $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ cm}^2$: at or above this level, areas are considered contaminated and require decontamination.
- 30 $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ cm}^2$: at or above this level, either party may end the tenancy via the specified notice process.

Testing Pathway

- Screening to check if detailed testing is needed.
- Detailed testing by qualified, independent professionals.

Decontamination

Where results exceed 15 $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ cm}^2$, decontamination must be carried out and the property re-tested to confirm compliance.

Rights & Responsibilities

- Clear duties for landlords when contamination is identified.
- Protection for tenants' health and certainty on habitability.

Timeline

Regulations are expected to come into force in 2026 (date TBC).

Read the full proposal: <https://www.hud.govt.nz/our-work/methamphetamine-regulations>

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