



ATTENTION BOSTON RENTERS!

Learn about the new law on Broker Fees

As of August 1, Massachusetts law states that “any fee shall only be paid by the party, lessor or tenant, who originally engaged and entered into a contract with the licensed broker or salesperson.”

What this means:

- If your landlord hired the broker, **they pay the fee.**
- If **you** hired the broker and signed a contract, you pay the fee.
- No one can require you to pay unless you agree in writing.

You should always:

- Ask for a copy of any agreement you sign.
- Get any agreement in writing.
- Keep records.

If you're asked to pay unfair fees or need help, contact the Office of Housing Stability.



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