

# Rental Application Checklist (Cork & Kerry)

**If you're searching for a rental property in County Cork or County Kerry, you'll know just how competitive the market has become. Properties are often rented within days, sometimes even hours, of being listed so that's why having a complete, professional rental application ready to go can make all the difference.**

When you're applying for a rental, it should be approached with the same level of care and importance as applying for a job. The estate agent or landlord doesn't need to know that you've been couch surfing for the past three months, or that you're "desperate." While those situations are very real, sharing them can actually weaken your application. Instead, focus on presenting yourself in the best possible light. Be positive, be prepared, and be proactive.

At the end of the day, a landlord is placing a very valuable asset, often worth hundreds of thousands, into your hands. Your application should clearly demonstrate why they can feel confident in you as a tenant and trust that their property will be treated with respect and care.

**Here is a checklist we have put together to help you prepare in the right way.**

## Essential Documents

- Photo ID (passport or driver's licence)
- Proof of income (recent payslips or employment contract)
- Employer reference letter
- Previous landlord reference
- Bank statement (if requested)

## Application Email

Include a short message introducing yourself and attach all documents in one file.

## Viewing Preparation

- Arrive on time
- Dress neatly and presentably
- Be polite and friendly
- Show genuine interest

## Personal Introduction

- Who you are
- Your occupation
- Who will be living in the property
- Reason for moving

## Organisation

- Combine documents into one clear PDF
- Label files properly
- Ensure everything is easy to read

## Speed Matters

Apply immediately after viewing and follow up within 24 hours if needed.

## Final Tip

You're not just applying for a property—you're presenting yourself as the ideal tenant.



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