



Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

DECISION

Dispute Codes MNDC, FF

Introduction

This hearing was convened in response to an application filed by the tenant seeking a monetary award in the sum of \$3,300.00 and recovery of the filing fee paid for this application.

The tenant/applicant and her interpreter appeared at the hearing. The tenant speaks Japanese. The interpreter and the Dispute Resolution Officer speak English.

Having made this claim the tenant/applicant must present evidence to the Dispute Resolution Officer to prove her claim. Under the *Residential Tenancy Act* a party must supply his or her own interpreter if necessary. In this case while the tenant has attended with a friend to act as interpreter however her friend does not speak Japanese.

As the tenant/applicant is unable to properly present her claim this claim is dismissed with leave to reapply. Should the tenant decide to reapply and another hearing is set the tenant is strongly advised to secure the services of an interpreter who can speak both English and Japanese.

This decision is made on authority delegated to me by the Director of the Residential Tenancy Branch under Section 9.1(1) of the *Residential Tenancy Act*.

Dated: January 24, 2012.

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