



# Dispute Resolution Services

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Residential Tenancy Branch  
Office of Housing and Construction Standards

## DECISION

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### Introduction

This hearing convened pursuant to the tenant's application for recovery of a portion of her security deposit. Both the tenant and the landlord called in to the teleconference hearing.

### Preliminary Issue – Written Forwarding Address

The tenant made her application on May 20, 2015. In the hearing the landlord stated that the tenant did not give him her forwarding address in writing, and he has 15 days from the later of the two of the tenancy ending and the tenant providing a forwarding address in writing to either return the balance of the deposit or make an application to keep it. The tenant confirmed that she had not given the landlord her written forwarding address, but her mailing address did not change.

The landlord was under no obligation to return the balance of the deposit or make an application to keep it until the tenant provided her forwarding address in writing. I find that the tenant failed to give the landlord her written forwarding address, and therefore her application was premature.

### Conclusion

The application is dismissed with leave to reapply.

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: November 23, 2015

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