



Lesson 1 Renting an Apartment

Name:

Directions: Use the links below to search for an apartment in any city or state you would like to live in. If you are searching within North Dakota, the newspaper classifieds will be most helpful. After you find an apartment, click [worksheet](#) to print a copy of the worksheet in PDF format. Then fill in all the blank spaces for questions 1-4 on your worksheet. After you have completed questions 1-4, go on to [lesson 2](#), or go back to the [homepage](#).

To search for an Apartment within North Dakota, select a newspaper below and click Classifieds:

To search for an Apartment click on one of the links below:

[Apartments.com](#)
[Apartmentguide.com](#)
[ForRent.com](#)
[Homestore.com](#)
[IMM Apartments.com](#)
[IRET Properties](#)
[Rentals.com](#)

For information on best places to live try the following website:

[Sperting's Best Places](#)

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| Ashley Ashley Tribune | Linton Emmons County Record |
| Beulah Beulah Beacon | Lisbon Ransom County Gazette |
| Bismarck Bismarck Tribune | MAFB Northern Sentry |
| Bismarck Farm & Ranch Guide | McClusky McClusky Gazette |
| Center Center Republican | Minot Minot Daily News |
| Cooperstown Griggs County Courier | Napoleon Napoleon Homestead |
| Crosby The Journal | New Town New Town News |
| Devils Lake The Daily Journal | Parshall Mountrail County Record |
| Dickinson The Dickinson Press | Steele Steele Ozone & Kidder Co. Press |
| Fargo The Forum | Turtle Lake McLean County Journal |
| Finley Steele County Press | Underwood Underwood News |
| Garrison McLean County Independent | Velva Velva Area Voice |
| Grand Forks Grand Forks Herald | Valley City Times-Record |
| Harvey The Herald-Press | Wahpeton Wahpeton Daily News |
| Hazen Hazen Star | Washburn Leader News |
| Hebron Hebron Herald | Watford City McKenzie County Farmer |
| Jamestown The Jamestown Sun | West Fargo Midweek Online |
| Kenmare Kenmare News | Williston Williston Daily Herald |

1. Rent: After you find an apartment where you want to live, **print what is on your screen** (you will need the address and zip code for your insurance quote) and write the Monthly Rent and Security Deposit in the space provided below. Then add them together for a total.

Help: If the Security Deposit isn't listed or if the information is not available, allow one month's rent as a security deposit and write the amount in the space provided on the left.

Monthly Rent	\$	<input type="text"/>
Security Deposit	+ \$	<input type="text"/>
Total Rent & Security Deposit	= \$	<input type="text"/>

2. Insurance: Landlords carry insurance coverage on their property, but usually not on your personal belongings. Renters Insurance is very **inexpensive**. Please add a [Renters Insurance Quote](#) to the cost of your monthly rent to determine the total yearly cost of renting the apartment.

Help: [Renters Insurance Quote:](#) After you get to the website, click Renters Insurance. Type in your zip code and follow all instructions to receive your Insurance Quote. Then add your Yearly Cost of Renting to the Renters Insurance Yearly Rate to determine the Total Yearly Cost of Renting Your Apartment.

Monthly Rent x 12 = Yearly Cost of Renting	\$	<input type="text"/>	Yearly
Renters Insurance (Yearly Rate)	+ \$	<input type="text"/>	Yearly
Total Yearly Cost of Renting Your Apartment	= \$	<input type="text"/>	Yearly

Use the [Zip Code Finder](#) to find the zip code you want to search.

3. Utilities: Your utilities might be included with your rent. If they are not included, you may be required to pay a deposit to put utilities into your name. Please list the required deposit for all utilities in the space provided below and add them together for a total.

Help: If you are not sure whether or not your local utility companies require a security deposit, then leave all spaces blank and estimate the cost by writing \$100 in the space provided for the Total of all utility deposits. This will ensure that you have budgeted money just in case you need it.

Gas	\$	
Electric	+ \$	
Water/Sewer	+ \$	
Telephone	+ \$	
Total Utility Deposits	= \$	

4. Move-in Cost: Add the first months rent, your security deposit, utility deposits, and renters insurance to determine the Move-in -cost upon signing your lease and fill in the spaces below.

Help: Add the amount of your first months rent, your security deposit, and renters insurance to the utility deposit total to determine the amount of cash needed to move into the apartment upon signing your lease.

Total Utility Deposits	\$	
Security Deposit	+ \$	
First Months Rent	+ \$	
Renters Insurance	+ \$	
Move-in-cost	= \$	

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