

Notices of Termination (NoTs) Received by the RTB, Q2 2023

This document provides information on Notices of Termination received by the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) in Q2 2023. When reviewing the information there are some important points to note.

• Changes to legislation

Changes to the legislation introduced new responsibilities in 2019 for landlords. Where a landlord ended a tenancy that lasted more than six months, a copy of the NoT was required to be sent to the RTB within 28 days of the tenancy termination date as listed on the Notice.

From 6 July 2022, new legislation came into effect that requires landlords to send a copy of all NoTs to the RTB on the same day the Notice is served on the tenant. The NoT is invalid if this requirement is not met. The data presented in this report relates to NoTs received in Q2 2023 only, the fourth quarter since the recent change to the legislation described above occurred.

• NoTs and Tenancies

It is important to note, the number of NoTs received should not be interpreted as directly correlating to one landlord/tenant/tenancy. For example, one NoT could be received which relates to multiple tenants in one tenancy or separate NoTs could be received for each tenant in a tenancy.

• NoTs are self-reported

While there is a legal obligation for landlords to notify the RTB a tenancy has ended it is important to note that NoTs are self-reported by landlords. The RTB figures are based on what is received by the RTB.

• Validity of a NoT

The RTB cannot provide legal advice to say if a Notice of Termination is valid or invalid. If a tenant feels the Notice of Termination is invalid and/or that the landlord has breached their obligations, they can take a Dispute case with the RTB. An independent

mediator/adjudicator can assess the validity of a Notice of Termination during Dispute Resolution proceedings.

Please note since 6 July 2022, the length of time a tenant has for the referral of a dispute on the validity of a Notice of Termination received, has increased from 28 days to 90 days in cases where there has been no breach of tenancy obligations. Please click <u>here</u> for more information on the legislative changes.

The below tables provide a breakdown of the NoTs received by the RTB in Q2 2023. It is important to note data from Q3 2022 onwards is not comparable to data published in previous quarters due to changes in legislation.

Number of Notices of Termination received by the RTB

Table one provides the total number of Notices of Termination (NoTs) the RTB received in Q2 2023.

Table 1. Notices of Termination Received* by the RTB**, Q2 2023

Period	Total NoTs Received by the RTB		
Total – Q2 2023		5,735	
Note: The data presented relates to the NoTs	received via the standard and rent arrears processes.		

* In July 2022, the legislation surrounding NoTs issued having to be sent to the RTB changed.

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Reasons for serving a Notice of Termination

Table two provides the reason for termination cited on the total number of Notices of Termination (NoTs) the RTB received in Q2 2023.

Types of NoTs	NoTs Received Q2 2023	% of Total***
Landlord intends on selling the rental property	3633	63.35%
Breach of tenant obligations	766	13.36%
Landlord/Landlord's family member intends on moving into the property	923	16.09%
Terminating before a Part 4/further Part 4 tenancy commences	264	4.60%
Landlord intends to substantially refurbish/renovate the rental property which		
requires the dwelling to be vacated	94	1.64%
Dwelling is no longer suitable to the accommodation needs of the tenants	36	0.63%
Landlord intends to change the use of the rental property	18	0.31%
Reason given not specified in Act or no reason given	1	0.02%
Total	5,735	100.00%

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County breakdown of Notices of Termination

Table three provides the total number of Notices of Termination (NoTs) the RTB received in Q2 2023

by county of rental address.

County of Rental Address	NoTs Received Q2 2023	% of Total***
Carlow	80	1.39%
Cavan	76	1.33%
Clare	76	1.33%
Cork	720	12.55%
Donegal	85	1.48%
Dublin	2,298	40.07%
Galway	321	5.60%
Kerry	126	2.20%
Kildare	194	3.38%
Kilkenny	66	1.15%
Laois	101	1.76%
Leitrim	47	0.82%
Limerick	205	3.57%
Longford	65	1.13%
Louth	128	2.23%
Мауо	125	2.18%
Meath	156	2.72%
Monaghan	25	0.44%
Offaly	55	0.96%
Roscommon	47	0.82%
Sligo	71	1.24%
Tipperary	125	2.18%
Waterford	173	3.02%
Westmeath	105	1.83%
Wexford	144	2.51%
Wicklow	121	2.11%
Total	5,735	100.00%

 Table 3. Notices of Termination Received* by the RTB by County of Rental Address**, Q2 2023

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Breakdown of the termination dates specified on the Notices of Termination received by the RTB in Q2 2023

The RTB reports on the number of notices of termination received per quarter. The date of termination is specified on a notice of termination.

Table four provides details on the termination dates specified on the notices of termination received by the RTB in Q2 2023.

Date of Termination		Total NoTs Received in Q2 2023 by Date of Termination		% of Total***	
2022		110		1.92%	
	Q1	48	4 (30)	1.04%	
2022	Q2	637		13.76%	80.70%
2023	Q3	781	4,628	16.88%	80.70%
	Q4	3,162		68.32%	
	Q1	936	996	16.33%	
2024	Q2	45		0.78%	17.36%
	Q3	12		0.20%	17.30%
	Q4	3		0.05%	
2025 or after		1	0.02%		
Total		5,735		100.00%	

Table 4. Notices of Termination (NoTs) Received* by the RTB in Q2 2023**, by Date of Termination

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