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North West public servants residing in state houses in Mafikeng and Mmabatho have until the end of the month (April 30) to renew their lease agreements with the provincial Department of Public Works.

Letters to this effect would be dispatched to affected tenants, according the Directorate in charge of this process.

No lease agreement will be renewed if water or electricity accounts are not in the name of the legal tenant.

Director: Property Management, Ms Pandora Hlakanye, warned that those who fail to renew their lease agreements during the said period `` may be deemed illegal occupants and could be evicted''.

Though this is the first for the province, the renewal of lease agreements would be done annually.

Hlakanye said her Directorate resolved to kick-start the said process to halt illegal occupation of state houses in the Mafikeng and Mmabatho areas.

Head Office is in charge of properties in the said area while regions are responsible for properties in their respective areas like Bophirima, Bojanala, Southern and Central.

Lease renewals are processed at Office No: 138 Ground Floor, Public Works Head Office, Old Parliament Building.

Current occupants should bring the following documents to expedite the process.

- Copy of ID
- Copy of latest of Eskom and Municipality Account
- Proof of arrangements made to pay off any arrears.
- Persal Number
- Employment details

Meanwhile, the Directorate in charge has also decided that for the 2009-2010 financial year: `No lease contracts will be renewed if there are arrears on either rent water and or electricity."

For more information on how to go about renewing your lease agreements, phone Mrs Hlakanye at (018) 387-2440 or Ms Elise du Preez at (018) 387-2119.

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