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**RESIDENTIAL RENTERS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS MUST  
OBTAIN APPLICABLE LICENSE TYPE**

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) reminds all home owners in the territory engaging in residential unit renting that they must be in possession of a valid business license. The requirement for all residential renters to obtain a valid business license(s) is pursuant to Title 27, Section 302 of the Virgin Islands Code.

**Persons who fall within one or more of the following categories are required by law to obtain the applicable license type for their property:**

- **A homeowner residing in a residential structure which houses five or more rental units, including that of the owner.**
- **A homeowner not residing on the property or within the residential structure, but renting one or more residential units.**
- **An owner of any type of residential unit (condo, villa, house) that is being rented or leased to tenants.**

Rental of a residential unit constitutes engaging in an act of business. Homeowners who have not met the legal requirements of obtaining a current business license from DLCA are in violation of the licensing laws of the Virgin Islands. Any homeowner found without the appropriate license will be subject to citations and applicable penalties.

For additional information, contact the Licensing Division of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs on St. Croix at 773-2226 or St. Thomas at 774-3130.

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