

Deposit terms review

General information to help you organise your paperwork. Not legal advice.

Read the deposit term in context

Collect the entire agreement and sales history. Identify the purpose of the payment, the obligations it supports and whether consumer rules may apply. The words deposit, advance, retainer and nonrefundable are facts to review, not automatic legal outcomes.

Project parties and jurisdiction: _____

Residential or commercial purpose: _____

Contract date formation channel and location: _____

Exact deposit clause and related definitions: _____

Deposit amount and payment schedule: _____

Cancellation refund and default provisions: _____

Contract copy delivered when and how: _____

Record	Evidence reference	Unresolved point
Sales representation	[enter]	[enter]
Signed terms	[enter]	[enter]
Receipt and allocation	[enter]	[enter]
Later variation	[enter]	[enter]

Record the legal application review

Question	Reviewer conclusion	Source and facts
Mandatory consumer rules	[to check]	[enter]
Effect of deposit wording	[to check]	[enter]
Permitted deduction categories	[to check]	[enter]
Refund trigger and timing	[to check]	[enter]
Trust or segregation requirements	[to check]	[enter]

Fictional issue: the quotation says deposit, the signed agreement says advance against milestones, and an email describes it as nonrefundable. Preserve all three records and ask the reviewer to resolve the conflict.

Reviewer name jurisdiction and date: _____

Remaining facts or documents: _____

Authorized interim action: _____

Next review trigger: _____

No default cancellation period or permitted retention percentage is supplied. Unverified wording must not be presented as legally approved.

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