

User Guide

for the Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) Register

The Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) Register is an initiative of the Western Australian (WA) Government, introduced through the <u>Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act 2024</u>. The register gathers information on STRA (properties or parts of properties that are rented on a short-term basis) operating in WA.

This information ensures the WA Government has clear information about the STRA sector to enable data-driven decision making.

Accessing the STRA Register

To access the STRA Register, go to <u>STRA Register website</u>, and click on the link to access the STRA Register.



Log in using My Account

The STRA Register uses My Account as a secure login program for user accounts and sensitive data. STRA Register users are required to use the My Account portal to access the STRA Register. My Account allows for easy access to multiple WA government services.

To access the STRA Register, you will need to set up a My Account to log in. There are two ways to log in to My Account:

- 1. Create an account, enabling you to log in using your email address and password. This is the preferred option as it incorporates security benefits such as passphrase capability and two step authentication; or
- 2. Log in with your digital identity such as Facebook, Google or myID.

You will need to log into the STRA Register the same way each time to access your dashboard.

For help using My Account, please see the STRA My Account Quick reference guide on the <u>Resources page</u> of our website.

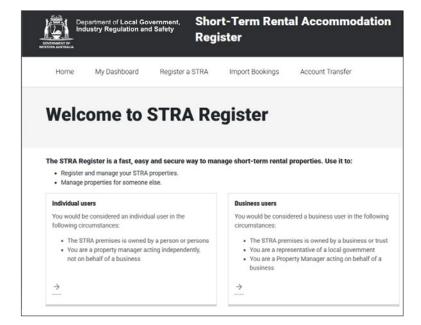
Are you an Individual user or a Business user?

The homepage is the first page you will see after logging in. You will need to select whether you are accessing the STRA Register as an 'Individual user' or 'Business user'. This will depend on who owns the STRA property and what you are accessing today.

- An **Individual user** may be a member of the public who owns a STRA property. You would be considered an Individual user in the following circumstances:
 - the STRA premises is owned by a person or persons; or
 - you are a property manager acting independently, not on behalf of a business.

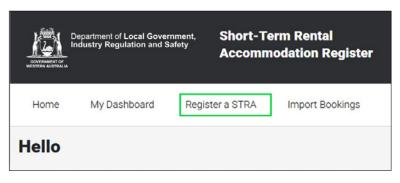
- A Business user may be the representative of a company that owns a property, or a property manager
 accessing the STRA Register on behalf of a company. You would be considered a Business user in the
 following circumstances:
 - the STRA premises is owned by a business or trust;
 - you are a representative of a local government; or
 - you are a property manager acting on behalf of a business.

For help with requesting authorisation to act on behalf of a business, please see the Business users – WARAM authorisation request guide on the <u>Resources page</u> of our website.



Register a STRA

Once you have selected which type of user you are, you will reach your Dashboard where you can register your STRA premises by clicking 'Register a STRA' in the top banner.

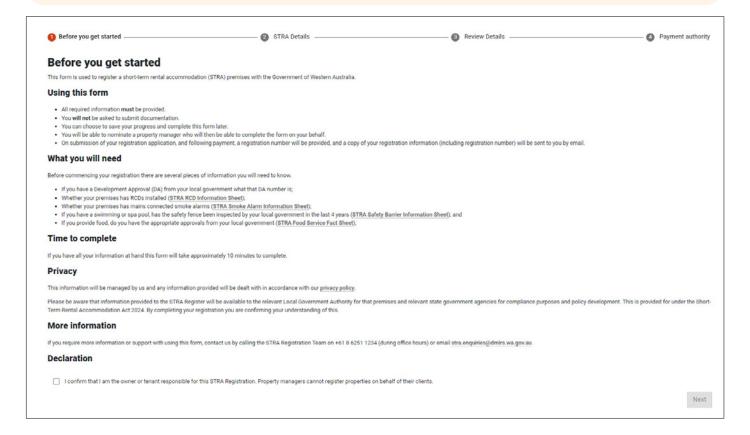


Step 1

The 'Before you get started' page will provide you with the information you need to know before commencing your registration. Once you have read through this information, click the 'Declaration' checkbox to confirm that you are the owner or tenant responsible for the STRA Registration.



Note: Property Managers cannot register a STRA on behalf of the owner or tenant. The owner or tenant must be the one to commence the registration.



Step 2

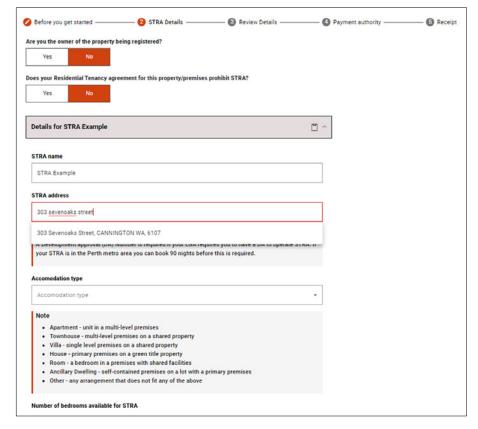
At 'STRA Details', enter the information and answer the questions to complete registration of your STRA premises. Answer all questions according to your own circumstances.

For 'STRA name' enter the nickname you use to identify your STRA premises.

The 'STRA address' field is validated against a database of addresses in Western Australia. You must search for your address in the 'STRA address' field and select your address from the dropdown list to proceed with registration.



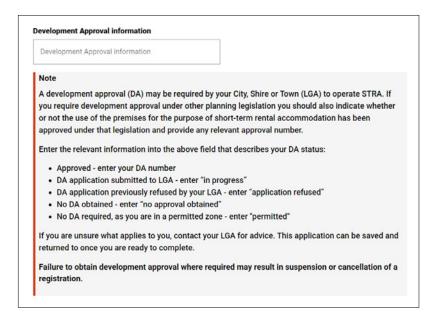
Note: When searching for addresses, please do not use abbreviations like ST, CL, RD, RMBL, BVD – instead use the full word Street, Close, Road, Ramble or Boulevard. If your address does not come up, please contact the STRA Register team on +61 8 6251 1234 or email stra.enquiries@lgirs.wa.gov.au



A development approval (DA) may be required by your City, Shire, or Town (LGA) to operate STRA. To complete your registration on the STRA Register, you will be required to enter development approval information which reflects the status of the development approval of your STRA premises. The information entered into the 'Development Approval information' field should indicate whether an application for DA has been approved, submitted, refused, not obtained or is not required.

- Approved: If your application for DA has been approved, you will enter your DA number.
- Submitted: If your application for DA has been submitted to your LGA, you will enter 'in progress'.
- **Refused**: If your application for DA has been previously refused by your LGA, you will enter 'application refused'.
- Not obtained: If you have not obtained a DA, you will enter 'no approval obtained'.
- Not required: If you are in a permitted zone that does not require DA, you will enter 'permitted'.

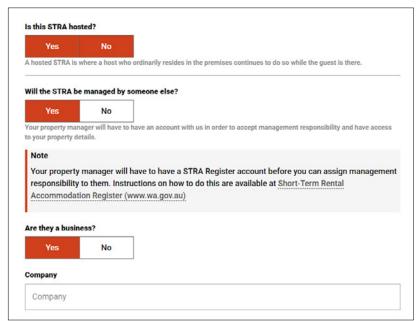
If you are unsure what applies to you, contact your LGA for advice. The registration application can be saved and returned to once you are ready to complete. Failure to obtain development approval where required may result in suspension or cancellation of a registration.

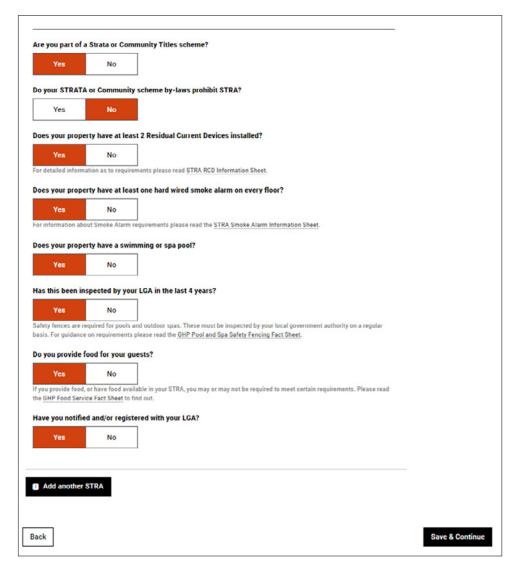


Hosted accommodation is short-term rental accommodation where the accommodation provider who ordinarily resides at the premises continues to do so while the guest is there. If you live on site, then you would answer 'Yes' to the question 'Is the STRA hosted?'. If the guest has exclusive use of the property, then you would answer 'No' to this question.

If your property is managed by someone else, this information can be entered into the Register to allow that party to edit, enter bookings and cancel your registration on your behalf. Further information on how to do this can be found in the 'Assign a Property Manager' section. This can be used for a private relationship where a single person manages the property for you or for a commercial relationship where a business manages the property on your behalf. The person you nominate will need to accept the request to manage before they get access to the registration. Once they do, they will have full access to edit details about your STRA premises.

If you are unable to find your property manager (individual or organisation), it may indicate that they have not set up their own account to access the STRA Register. Please see the Business Users – WARAM authorisation request guide on our <u>Resources page</u> for information on how an organisation can establish an account with the STRA Register.





If your property is part of a Strata or Community Titles scheme, this can be used as STRA unless a by-law prohibits STRA. You will need to check that the scheme by-laws do not prohibit STRA. If your Strata or Community Titles Scheme has a by-law that prohibits STRA from being operated from the premises, then you may risk cancellation or suspension of your registration by contravening this by-law. Further information on Strata or Community Title scheme can be found in the Good host pack on Resources page.

Information sheets on STRA and Residual Current Devices (RCDs), smoke alarms and the provision of food; and the swimming pool and spa pool safety barriers checklist can be found on our Resources page.

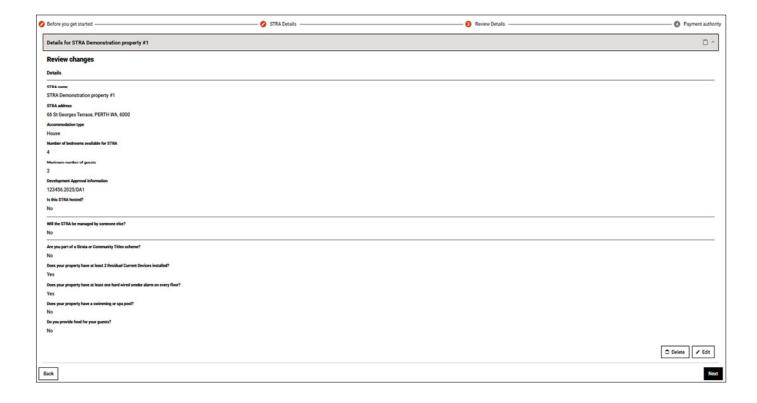
All questions are mandatory and must be answered. Some answers will prompt additional questions. Once all information in the form has been completed, click 'Save & Continue' to proceed.

Step 3

Under 'Review Details', review the information entered into your application form.

To edit this information, press the 'Edit' button.

To delete the registration, press the 'Delete' button. If the information is correct, click 'Next'.



Step 4

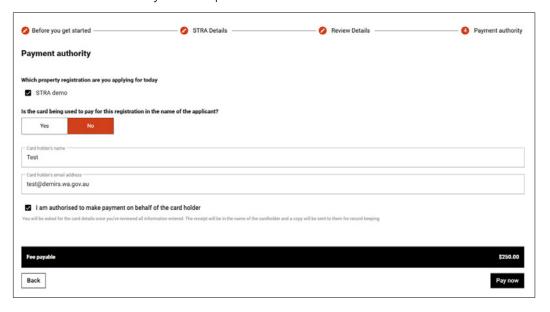
'Payment authority' is where you will need to pay the application fee to register the property.

Tick all properties you wish to register and answer the question about whether the credit card is in the name of the applicant.

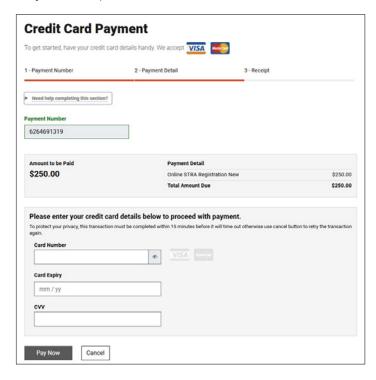


Note: If you select 'No' to this question, you will need to enter in the cardholder's name and email address and tick the checkbox that you are authorised to make payment on behalf of the card holder.

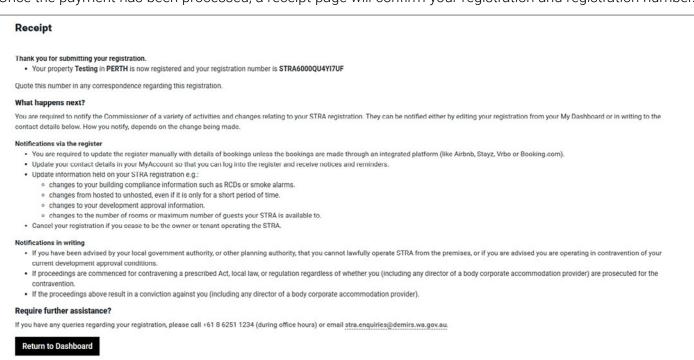
You can then click 'Pay now' to proceed.



You will then be taken to the secure 'Credit Card Payment' portal where you will need to enter your VISA or Mastercard details to pay the application fee. Once you have entered in the card details, click on 'Pay Now' to proceed.



Once the payment has been processed, a receipt page will confirm your registration and registration number.



Assign a property manager

You can assign a property manager to manage your STRA Registration at any point, including after registration.

Your property manager can complete the registration on behalf of the STRA provider; however, the registration **must** be commenced by the owner or tenant by completing the 'STRA name' and 'STRA Address' fields and answering the question 'Will the STRA be managed by someone else?', inputting the property manager's details and then pressing 'Save & Continue' to save the registration in progress. Your property manager can then accept the management request and complete the registration on your behalf.

To add or change a property manager on a registered STRA premises, simply edit your registration and enter your new property manager's details.

When completing your registration, you will need to answer the question 'Will the STRA be managed by someone else?' as 'Yes'.

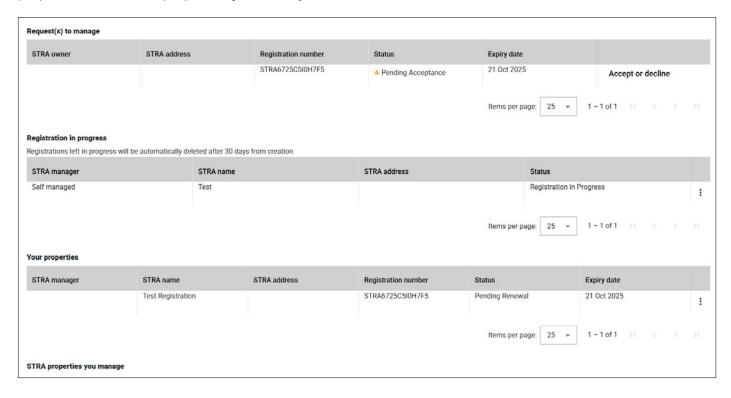
If your property manager is an individual (not a business), you will need to answer the question 'Are they a business?' as 'No'. Enter in the email address for the property manager (the email address they use for their My Account). The system will then populate their name, and you will need to enter in their phone number and mailing address.

If your property manager is a business, you will need to answer the question 'Are they a business?' as 'Yes'. You will then need to enter the company (the business that has been registered for the STRA Register) using either the business/trading name or the ABN or ACN. The system will then populate the details of the business that has been registered which you can update as required.

Once you assign a property manager and they accept, they will have full access to edit or cancel your registration and to add or edit manual bookings on your behalf.

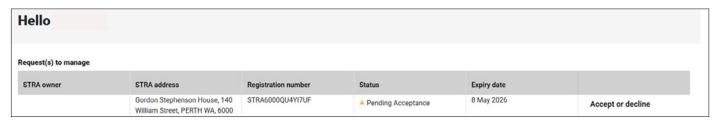
Navigate 'My Dashboard'

'My Dashboard' will allow you to view and action 'Request(s) to manage', 'Registrations in progress', 'Your properties', and 'STRA properties you manage'.



Request(s) to manage

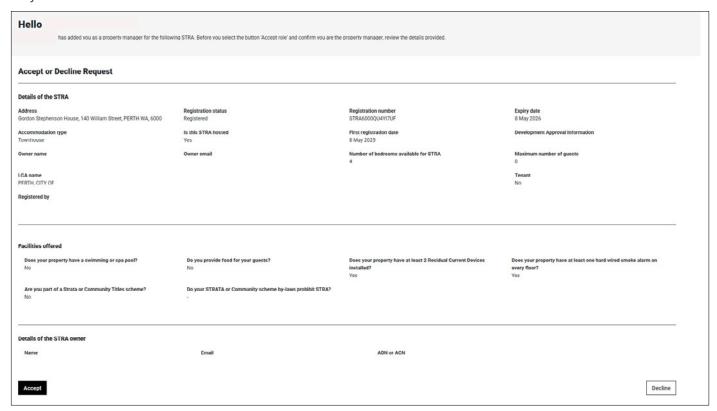
The first section of your dashboard is 'Request(s) to manage'. If a STRA provider adds you as a property manager, the request will show up in this section of your dashboard.



To action a request, click on the 'Accept' or 'Decline' button.

This will then take you into the details of the registration where you will click on either the 'Accept' or the 'Decline' button.

- If you select 'Accept', you will accept management, and the registration will be moved into the 'STRA properties you manage' section of your dashboard.
- If you select 'Decline', you will decline management, and the registration will be removed from your dashboard.



Registration in Progress

The second section of your dashboard is 'Registration in Progress'. If you commence a registration and save the application (without completing the full process), this will change the status to 'Registration in Progress'.



Note: Registrations left in progress will be automatically deleted after 30 days from creation.

Click on the ellipsis (the three dots) next to the registration for options to 'View', 'Complete' or 'Remove'.



- you the STRA details. Note that you can also select 'Edit' from this screen to edit the STRA details and complete the application.
- Selecting 'Complete' will take you into the STRA details to complete the application. You will need to complete all information in Step 1 STRA Details and review the changes in Step 2 to continue onto Step 3 Payment authority. Once you have completed Step 3 you will be provided with the STRA Registration number.



Selecting 'Remove' will remove the registration from your dashboard. You may choose this option if it is a duplicate registration in progress, or you no longer require the registration. Once you press 'Delete', this will remove the registration information from the system completely and this can no longer be viewed.

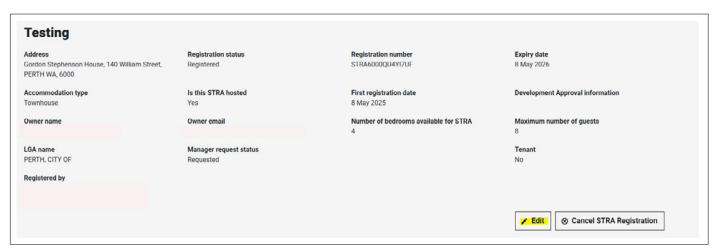
Your properties

The third section of your dashboard is 'Your properties'. When you complete a registration where you are the STRA provider, the registration will go into this section of your dashboard.

You can view the STRA registration by selecting 'View'. This will show you the STRA details. Note that you can also view registrations which have a 'Suspended', 'Cancelled by Operator' or 'Cancelled by Regulator' status.

You can edit a STRA registration by selecting 'Edit' from the ellipsis option, or by viewing the registration and selecting 'Edit'.





The details of your registration can be edited, including the 'STRA Name', 'Accommodation type', 'Development Approval information' if development approval has been obtained since registration, and whether the STRA is 'hosted' or 'un-hosted'.

You **cannot** change details of the STRA owner, the address of the property and whether you are an owner or tenant in the property. If the property is sold, the previous owner will need to cancel their registration, and a new registration will have to be completed by the new owner of the property.

If there are changes to your STRA (for example, the STRA is to be managed by someone else), you must update your registration within 30 days of the change taking place.

STRA properties you manage

The fourth section of your dashboard is 'STRA properties you manage'. If a STRA provider adds you as a property manager and you accept management, the registration will be moved into this section of your dashboard.

You will have the same options as mentioned in the above 'Your properties' section.

A property manager can complete the registration on behalf of a STRA provider; however, the registration **must** be commenced by the owner or tenant.

Renew a STRA registration

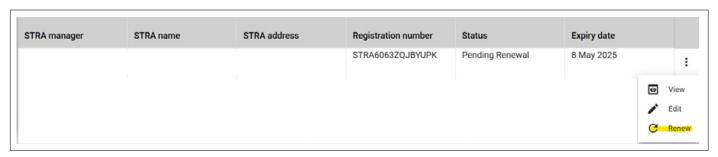
The STRA Register will generate automatic system notifications regarding renewal as follows:

- Two months before the registration expiry date when the option to renew the registration becomes available.
- One month before the registration expires as a reminder to renew the registration.
- On the day the registration is due to expire as a final reminder to renew the registration.
 Note: The registration will change status from 'Registered' to 'Pending Renewal' on the day after the expiry date. If the STRA provider does not intend to renew, then they will need to cease advertising and taking bookings immediately.
- Twenty-eight days after the registration expires, to inform that the registration has expired and can no longer be renewed.

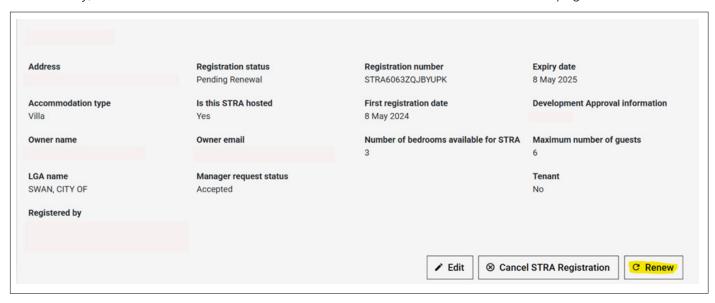


Note: Once a registration has expired, it cannot be reinstated. You will have to pay an application fee to re-register your property.

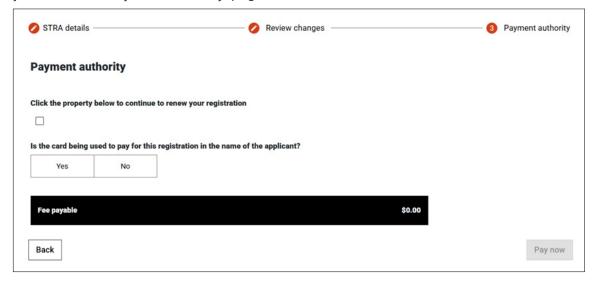
To renew the registration, please click on the ellipsis next to the registration and select 'Renew'.



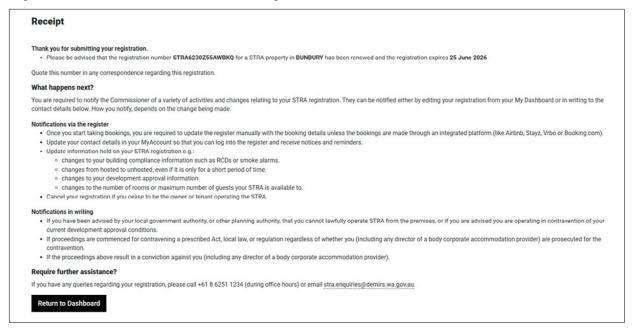
Alternatively, click on 'View' and then click on the 'Renew' button on the STRA Details page:



Once you select 'Renew', it will take you into the registration questions where you can update your registration (if required) before renewing. Once you have reviewed the questions press 'Next' until you reach the 'Payment authority' page:



Complete the payment details following the same steps you did to complete your registration. Once the payment has been processed, you will then see a receipt page which confirms your registration has been renewed and the registration number:



Once you return to your Dashboard, the expiry date will update to 12 months after the original expiry date.

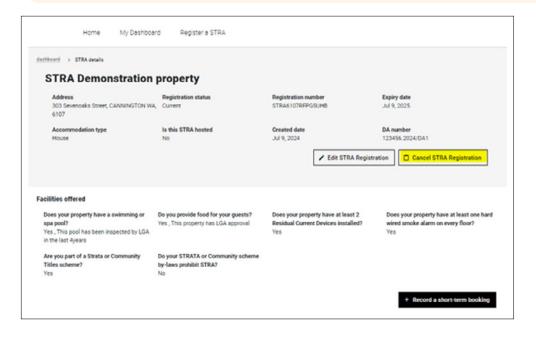
Cancel a STRA registration

You are required to cancel your STRA registration if you sell the property or cease to be a tenant.

Cancelling a STRA registration is easy and can be done with just a few clicks. On your dashboard, click 'View' on the property you wish to cancel, then select 'Cancel STRA Registration' and follow any prompts.



Note: Once a registration is cancelled, it cannot be reinstated. You will have to pay an application fee to re-register your property.



Record a short-term booking



Note: All bookings will need to be entered into the register before the 5th day of the next calendar month.

Record a short-term booking manually

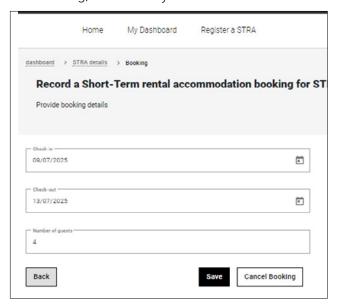
To record a single short-term booking, you will need to view the registration. To view the registration, click on the ellipsis (the three dots) next to the registration and select 'View':



This will then take you into the STRA details, where you can click on 'Record a short-term booking' (this button is towards the bottom of the page):

+ Record a short-term booking

Once you select the 'Record a short-term booking' button, you will be taken to the below page which asks for the check-in date, check-out date and number of guests who have booked the property. This is a record of the booking, not the stay. Once this has been saved, it will be allocated a booking reference number.



When you view the STRA registration, the STRA details screen will also have options for you to edit the details of bookings and cancel a booking. You can also edit a cancelled booking to reinstate it as a confirmed booking.

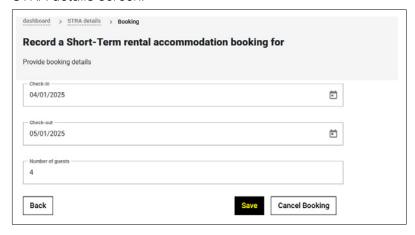


Edit a short-term booking

To edit a short-term booking, from the STRA details screen, scroll down to the short-term booking information and click on 'Edit':



You can then change the check-in date, check-out date and number of guests who have booked the property as applicable and press 'Save'. The booking will then be updated, and the system will return you back to the STRA details screen.

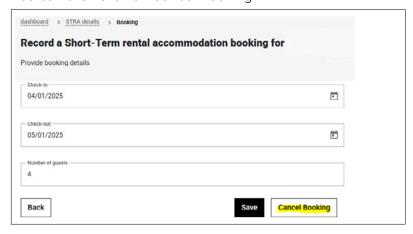


Cancel a short-term booking

To cancel a short-term booking, from the STRA details screen, scroll down to the short-term booking information and click on 'Edit':



You can then click on Cancel Booking:



The booking will then be cancelled, and the system will return you back to the STRA details screen. The status of the booking will then show as 'Cancelled' on the STRA details screen:

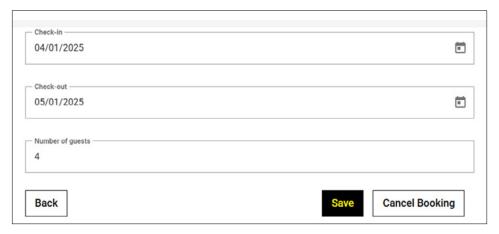


Re-instate a cancelled short-term booking

To re-instate a cancelled short-term booking, from the STRA details screen, scroll down to the cancelled short-term booking and click on 'Edit':



You can then click on Save:



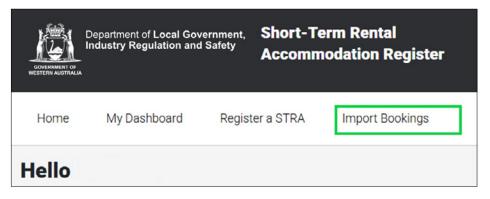
The booking will then be re-instated, and the system will return you back to the STRA details screen. The status of the booking will then show as 'Confirmed' on the STRA details screen:



Import multiple bookings

The 'Import Bookings' function allows users to upload multiple manual bookings to their registration/s by downloading a template for bookings import and uploading the completed comma delimited .csv file.

From your dashboard, click 'Import Bookings':



Read the information provided in the .csv template. The information is as follows:

- **Check-in**: Date. Format: dd/mm/yyyy. This is a mandatory field. Please make sure the date is in the correct format if you export your date from another booking system.
- **Check-out**: Date. Format: dd/mm/yyyy. This is a mandatory field. Please make sure the date is in the correct format if you export your date from another booking system.
- Property ID: Registration Number. This is a mandatory field.
- RequestType: NEW|MODIFY|CANCEL. This is a mandatory field. Only these three types of requests are available.
- **BookingRefNo**: Any unique reference no. This is mandatory for MODIFY and CANCEL. If left blank for NEW, a booking reference number will be auto generated.
- # NumberOfGuests: Any number greater than zero. This is a mandatory field.

Enter the booking information for any registrations you wish to upload for the period. The system allows for new bookings, modifications to bookings (already reported to the register) and cancellation of bookings (already reported to the register). All bookings will require the check-in and check-out dates, STRA registration number (Property ID), the request type (NEW, MODIFY or CANCEL) and the number of guests.

New bookings (RequestType: NEW) have the option to enter your own unique booking reference number (BookingRefNo) if applicable. If left blank, the STRA Register will automatically generate a new booking reference number.

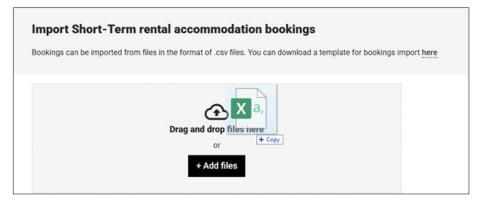
Modifications to bookings (RequestType: MODIFY) and cancellation of bookings (RequestType: CANCEL) require the booking reference number to allow the STRA Register to access the booking.

Note: If you export your data from another booking system, you will need to put this into the STRA Register template for bookings import. You may also need to update the data to the correct format (e.g. Australian date format dd/mm/yyyy) before uploading. You may need to open the .csv file in Notepad to check that the date format is correct. If the date format is incorrect, opening the document using Excel and adjusting the date format and then saving as a .csv file may resolve the issue.

Example of bookings import template:

Check-in	Check-out	Property ID	RequestTyp BookingRefNo		NumberOfGuests
01/03/2026	02/03/2026	STRA1234A1BC123D	NEW	Uniquebookingref	5
02/03/2026	03/03/2026	STRA1234A1BC123D	MODIFY	Uniquebookingref	6
02/03/2026	03/03/2026	STRA1234A1BC123D	CANCEL	Uniquebookingref	6
01/01/2025	03/01/2025	STRA1234A1BC123E	NEW		4

Once you have saved the .csv file, you will drag and drop the file into the 'Import Bookings' screen.



Note: There is also an option to click on 'Add files' if you would like to select the file rather than drag and drop.

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The import results will list the 'Status' which shows if the booking successfully updated the register (SUCCESS) and will display an error message in the Import History for any bookings that fail. If all rows show 'SUCCESS', then the STRA Register has updated the register with the bookings.

If you get an error message, you will need to correct the unsuccessful bookings in a new .csv file and reupload. Note: If you download the 'Import Results' and it generates a blank spreadsheet then all the bookings have failed to upload, and you will need to start again with a new .csv file.

Do you have any questions?

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