

Vacancy Announcement: Two Members of the St. Eustatius Rent Tribunal

Following a decision by the Island Council, a rent tribunal will be established in Statia in the spring of 2024. The tribunal is an impartial entity that adjudicates disputes between tenants and landlords. It will provide information to prevent disputes and, if an agreement cannot be reached, issues binding rulings.

The tribunal will comprise a chairperson and two members—one with a tenant background and the other with a landlord background. The secretariat of the rent tribunal, led by the secretary, will support the tribunal in its statutory tasks. The two members actively participate in hearings and contribute to decision-making.

The members must stay informed about housing rental developments and assess disputes impartially. While representing tenants or landlords, they are not advocates within the tribunal but fair and independent judges.

Candidate Profile for Tribunal Members:

- A completed higher vocational education (HBO) or equivalent level of thinking and working.
- Interest in resolving complex disputes between tenants and landlords.
- Affinity with legal or architectural aspects of the rental market.
- Experience in dispute resolution or mediation is an advantage.
- Understanding of legal processes, or the ability to quickly assimilate this knowledge.
- Excellent verbal skills and effective listening abilities.
- Ability to connect with people while maintaining independence.
- Impartiality, teamwork, integrity, and environmental awareness.
- Proficiency in Dutch and English, both spoken and written.
- Strong analytical skills and the ability to reach an independent judgment.
- Resident of Statia.
- No conflicting roles or interests.

For information on the role or application process, contact Eveline Jacquemijns at jacquemijnshuurcommissie@ziggo.nl or Personnel.affairs@statiagov.com. Applications, accompanied by a CV for either the tenant or landlord representative role, should be sent by 15 January 2024 to Personnel.affairs@statiagov.com.

Application reviews will take place after the closing date, with interviews expected in January 2024.

Tribunal members will be appointed for a set number of years, with compensation per session/meeting set at \$150, as established by Island Ordinance.