Looking for a new whare to rent?

Check it checks out

What to look out for and ask questions about

Is there floor and ceiling insulation?
Is it free from gaps that could cause draughts?
Is there a window, door or skylight in each room that can be opened to the outside and remain open?
Is it free from signs of moisture or water under or around the property?
Is there working guttering and downpipes that will drain water away?
Is it free from mould or signs it could be damp?
Is there an extraction fan in the kitchen & bathroom, or a qualifying ventilation system?
Is there a qualifying fixed heater in the main living room?
Is there a moisture barrier installed underneath the property? (This is only needed if there is an enclosed space under the property)
Will the landlord provide a healthy homes compliance statement? (There needs to be one in your new tenancy agreement)

Seen something that doesn't check out?

Ask the landlord or property manager about their plans to raise the standard of their home before you apply to rent. This list doesn't cover everything in the healthy homes standards, just some things you can easily keep an eye out for. To read the full details of the healthy homes standards see raisethestandard.nz



