

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING TENANT INCOME CERTIFICATION

This form is to be completed by the owner or an authorized representative.

Part I - Development Data

Check the appropriate box for Initial Certification (move-in), Recertification (annual recertification), or Other. If Other, designate the purpose of the recertification (i.e., a unit transfer, a change in household composition, or other state-required recertification).

- Move-in Date Enter the date the tenant has or will take occupancy of the unit.
- Effective Date Enter the effective date of the certification. For move-in, this should be the move-in date. For annual recertification, this effective date should be no later than one year from the effective date of the previous (re)certification.
- Property Name Enter the name of the development.
- County Enter the county (or equivalent) in which the building is located.
- BIN # Enter the Building Identification Number (BIN) assigned to the building (from IRS Form 8609).
- PISD Enter building Placed in Service Date.
- Address Enter the address of the building.
- Unit Number Enter the unit number.
- # Bedrooms Enter the number of bedrooms in the unit.

Part II - Household Composition

List all occupants of the unit. State each household member's relationship to the head of household by using one of the following coded definitions:

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| H | - | Head of Household | S | - | Spouse |
| A | - | Adult co-tenant | O | - | Other family member |
| C | - | Child | F | - | Foster child(ren)/adult(s) |
| L | - | Live-in caretaker | N | - | None of the above |

Enter the date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) and full time student status (yes/no).

Demographic Information

For LIHTC Projects, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) (HR 3221) requires that HUD annually collect and submit data on tenants residing in LIHTC properties. It is optional on tenants' part but management must make a 'best guess' if not provided.

For HMMF Projects, demographic information is required under the Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number:

For each tenant over 18 years of age, enter last four digits of social security number (or alien registration number). If a tenant does not have a social security or alien registration number, please enter the numerical birth month and last two digits of birth year in the XML file (e.g. if no SSN or alien registration number and the tenant's birthday is January 1, 1970, enter "0170").

- Race: Enter each household member's race by using one of the following coded definitions: 1 – White; 2 – Black/African American; 3 – American Indian/Alaska Native; 4 – Asian; or 5 – Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.
- Ethnicity: Enter each household member's ethnicity by using one of the following coded definitions: 1 – Hispanic or Latino; 2 – not Hispanic or Latino.
- Disabled?: Check yes if any member of the household is disabled according to Fair Housing Act definition for handicap (disability):
- A physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities; a record of such an impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment. For a definition of “physical or mental impairment” and other terms used in this definition, please see 24 CFR 100.201, available at http://fairhousing.com/index.cfm?method=page.display&pagename=regs_fhr_100-201.
 - “Handicap” does not include current, illegal use of or addiction to a controlled substance.
 - An individual shall not be considered to have a handicap solely because that individual is a transvestite.

The housing credit agency administering its low-income housing credit program must, to the best of its ability, provide this demographic information, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1437z-8. However, it is the tenant's voluntary choice whether to provide such information, and questions to the tenant requesting the information must so state. If the tenant declines to provide the information, the housing credit agency shall use its best efforts to provide the information, such as by noting the appearance of a physical disability that is readily apparent and obvious, or by relying on a past year's information. For purposes of gathering this information, no questions with respect to the nature or severity of the disability are appropriate.

If there are more than 6 occupants, use an additional sheet of paper to list the remaining household members and attach it to the certification.

Part III - Annual Income

See HUD Handbook 4350.3 for complete instructions on verifying and calculating income, including acceptable forms of verification.

From the third party verification forms obtained from each income source, enter the gross amount anticipated to be received for the twelve months from the effective date of the (re)certification. Complete a separate line for each income-earning member. List the respective household member number from Part II.

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| Column (A) | Enter the annual amount of wages, salaries, tips, commissions, bonuses, and other income from employment; distributed profits and/or net income from a business. |
| Column (B) | Enter the annual amount of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, pensions, military retirement, etc. |
| Column (C) | Enter the annual amount of income received from public assistance (i.e., TANF, general assistance, disability, etc.). |
| Column (D) | Enter the annual amount of alimony, child support, unemployment benefits, or any other income regularly received by the household. |
| Row (E) | Add the totals from columns (A) through (D), above. Enter this amount. |

Part IV - Income from Assets

See HUD Handbook 4350.3 for complete instructions on verifying and calculating income from assets, including acceptable forms of verification.

From the third party verification forms obtained from each asset source, list the gross amount anticipated to be received during the twelve months from the effective date of the certification. List the respective household member number from Part II and complete a separate line for each member.

Column (F)	List the type of asset (i.e., checking account, savings account, etc.)
Column (G)	Enter C (for current, if the family currently owns or holds the asset), or I (for imputed, if the family has disposed of the asset for less than fair market value within two years of the effective date of (re)certification).
Column (H)	Enter the cash value of the respective asset.
Column (I)	Enter the anticipated annual income from the asset (i.e., savings account balance multiplied by the annual interest rate).
TOTALS	Add the total of Column (H) and Column (I), respectively.
Item (J)	If the total in Column (H) is greater than \$5,000, you must do an imputed calculation of asset income. Enter the Total Cash Value, multiply by 2% and enter the amount in (J), Imputed Income. If the total in Column (H) is less than \$5000, enter "0" in item (J).
Row (K)	Enter the greater of the total in Column (I) or (J)
Row (L)	Total Annual Household Income From all Sources Add (E) and (K) and enter the total

HOUSEHOLD CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

After all verifications of income and/or assets have been received and calculated, each household member age 18 or older must sign and date the Tenant Income Certification. For move-in, it is recommended that the Tenant Income Certification be signed no earlier than 5 days prior to the effective date of the certification.

Part V – Determination of Income Eligibility

Total Annual Household Income from all Sources	Enter the number from item (L).
Current Income Limit per Family Size	Enter the Current Move-in Income Limit for the household size.
Household income at move-in Household size at move-in	For recertifications, only. Enter the household income from the move-in certification. On the adjacent line, enter the number of household members from the move-in certification.
Household Meets Income Restriction	Check the appropriate box for the income restriction that the household meets according to what is required by the set-aside(s) for the project.
Current Income Limit x 140%	For recertifications only. Multiply the Current Maximum Move-in Income Limit by 140% and enter the total. Below, indicate whether the household income exceeds that total. If the Gross Annual Income at recertification is greater than 140% of the current income limit, then the available unit rule must be followed.

Part VI - Rent

Tenant Paid Rent	Enter the amount the tenant pays toward rent (not including rent assistance payments such as Section 8).
Rent Assistance	Enter the amount of rent assistance, if any.
Type	Enter the type of rental assistance: S8PB (project based), S8V (voucher), RD, etc.

Utility Allowance	Enter the utility allowance. If the owner pays all utilities, enter zero.
Other non-optional charges	Enter the amount of <u>non-optional</u> charges, such as mandatory garage rent, storage lockers, charges for services provided by the development, etc.
Gross Rent for Unit	Enter the total of Tenant Paid Rent plus Utility Allowance and other non-optional charges.
Maximum Rent Limit for this unit	Enter the maximum allowable gross rent for the unit.
Unit Meets Rent Restriction at	Check the appropriate rent restriction that the unit meets according to what is required by the set-aside(s) for the project.

Part VII - Student Status

If all household members are full time* students, check “yes”. If at least one household member is not a full time student, check “no”.

If “yes” is checked, the appropriate exemption must be listed in the box to the right. If none of the exemptions apply, the household is ineligible to rent the unit.

**Full time is determined by the school the student attends.*

Part VIII – Program Type

Mark the program(s) for which this household’s unit will be counted toward the property’s occupancy requirements. Under each program marked, indicate the household’s income status as established by this certification/recertification. If the property does not participate in the HOME, Tax-Exempt Bond, Affordable Housing Disposition, or other housing program, leave those sections blank.

Tax Credit	See Part V above.
HOME	If the property participates in the HOME program and the unit this household will occupy will count towards the HOME program set-asides, mark the appropriate box indicating the household’s designation.
Tax Exempt	If the property participates in the Tax Exempt Bond program, mark the appropriate box indicating the household’s designation.
AHDP	If the property participates in the Affordable Housing Disposition Program (AHDP), and this household’s unit will count towards the set-aside requirements, mark the appropriate box indicating the household’s designation.
Other	If the property participates in any other affordable housing program, complete the information as appropriate.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE

It is the responsibility of the owner or the owner’s representative to sign and date this document immediately following execution by the resident(s).

The responsibility of documenting and determining eligibility (including completing and signing the Tenant Income Certification form) and ensuring such documentation is kept in the tenant file is extremely important and should be conducted by someone well trained in tax credit compliance.

These instructions should not be considered a complete guide on tax credit compliance. The responsibility for compliance with federal program regulations lies with the owner of the building(s) for which the credit is allowable.