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2020 NCHFA Courtesy Training

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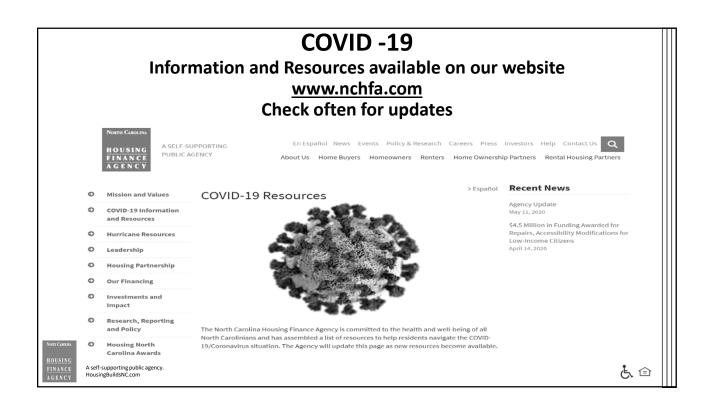
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Additional Resources

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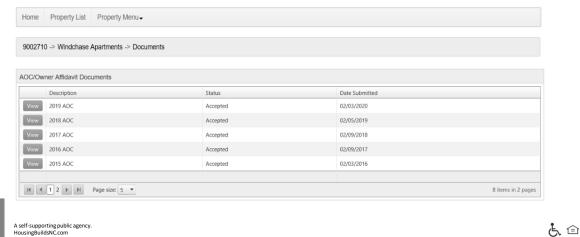


- Income and Asset Calculation Examples
- The Life of the Vacancy and Referral System
- RCRS Management Company Resources
- Fair Housing Overview
- Overview of Resources Available from NCHFA
- Acronym Cheat Sheet
- HUD Handbook Chapter 5: Determining Income and Calculating Rent
- HUD Handbook Appendix 3: Acceptable Forms and Verifications



2019 Annual Owner's Certification (AOC)

- Due February 10, 2020
- If not uploaded into RCRS by February 10, 2020, the property is in noncompliance, and subject to 8823



Reminder! Approved Management Company Status & Noncompliance



The management agent can't have any open noncompliance for any property in their portfolio unless there is an Agencyapproved action plan to address the issue





NCHFA Rent Approval Policy Update



Any Management Agent found to have implemented a rent increase on an existing property without the required Agency approval may be disallowed from serving as a management agent for an application





File Monitoring Change Work Force Housing Loan Program

Work Force Housing Loan Program (STC)

Files — Every year (NEW —Effective 1/1/2020— Frequency Changed)
Physicals — Every year (No Change)



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- Email sent on 10/17/2019 requesting 8609s with Part II completed and signed by the owner uploaded to the Documents tab for each LIHTC (tax credit) property in RCRS.
- This will help the Agency prepare for the monitoring requirements that must be in effect no later than 1/1/2021
- Deadline to upload the 8609s is 6/30/2020
- Having the applicable elections reported by the owner to the IRS will enable us to use the smallest valid samples size and stop reporting to the IRS at the earliest possible date
- If you fail to upload the 8609s with Part II complete, we will monitor 100% of the property and report noncompliance to the IRS for the longest length of time allowed based on the placed in service date

Revised Forms/Documents



Program Compliance

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Forms and Resources

LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT

Required Forms

Annual Student Certification

Employment Verification

Approval to Change Management

- Revised forms effective 2/1/2020, available on the Agency website
- Move-ins 2/1/2020 and there after should use the new forms
- Recertifications effective 6/1/2020 and there after should use the new forms

Revised documents include:

- Tenant Income Certification (TIC) updated on Agency website; RCRS generate form will be updated 1/1/2021
- Under \$5,000 Asset Verification
- · Employment Verification
- · Zero Income Affidavit
- · Student Status/Financial Aid Verification
- Annual Student Certification
- Physical Inspection Notification Letters & Grey Areas
 - look for revised copies generated in RCRS when Physical Inspection Notification Letters generated



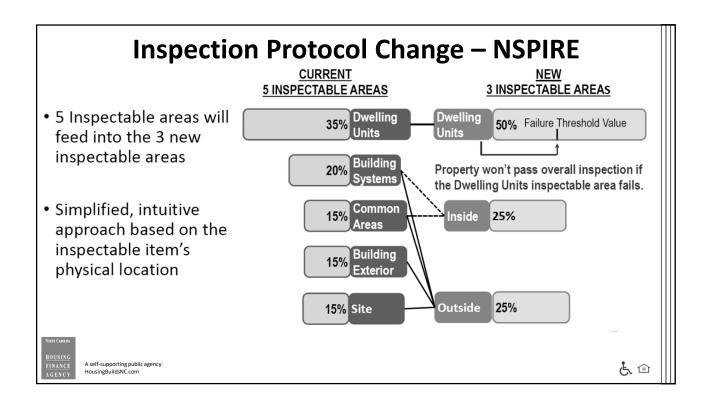
Inspection Protocol Change – NSPIRE



- UPCS (Uniform Physical Conditions Standards) is changing to NSPIRE (National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate)
- Prioritizes health, safety, and functional defects over those of appearance
- Focus is on the areas that impact residents
- Three inspectable areas instead of five
- Implemented timeline 2021 or later
- More information to come







Mandatory Tax Credit Lease Addendum

LANDLORD: TENANT:

LIHTC LEASE ADDENDUM

This lease addendum adds the following paragraphs to the lease between the tenant and landlord referred to above.

Conflict with Other Provisions of the Lease. In case of any conflict between the provisions of this addendum and other sections of the lease, or other lease addendums, the provisions of this addendum shall prevail, with the exception of the following:

- If a property is regulated by HUD and using the HUD model lease, the HUD model Lease shall prevail.
- If a property is regulated by USDA and using the lease mandated by RD, the RD lease shall prevail.
- If a property is subject to HUD HOME regulations, the HOME lease addendum shall prevail.
- Provisions made to allow HUD or RD lease to prevail in areas of conflict.

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 If executed at 2019 or 2020 recertification be sure to upload for units selected for the file review if applicable

 New leases executed on or after 1/1/2019, must include the

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Actual lease does not need to

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HOME Lease Addendum

TENANT:_____LANDLORD:____UNIT NO:____

HOME LEASE ADDENDUM

This lease addendum adds the following paragraphs to the Lease between the Tenant and Landlord referred to above.

- A. Purpose of the Addendum. The lease for the above-referenced unit is being amended to include the provisions of this addendum because the apartment project has received funding under the federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME Program").
- B. Conflict with Other Provisions of the Lease. In case of any conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and other sections of the Lease, the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail.
- C. Term of Lease. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the initial Lease term shall be for a period of not less than 12 months. Subsequent lease terms shall be for a period of no less than 12 months, unless the Landford and Ternant mutually agree in writing to a shorter term, but in no event, can the Lease term be less than 30 days.
- D. Income Eligibility. The Landord has the right to recertify the Tenant's income on an annual basis to verify Tenant's continuing eligibility to reside in a HOME unit. The Tenant's failure to cooperate in the income recertification process will be a violation of the lease. Deliberately providing false information can result in the termination of the Lease.

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- Released 6/1/2019, by announcement in RCRS
- New leases executed on or after 6/1/2019, must include the addendum
- Lease renewals that occur on or after 6/1/2019, must include the addendum.
- Actual lease does not need to be approved because the provisions of the required addendum indicate what takes priority under law, the lease itself or the addendum
- Our attorney drafted this lease addendum and we are confident that it complies with the HOME regulations
- If a property has Tax Credits and Home from the NCHFA, then the property must use the Tax Credit Lease Addendum and the HOME Lease Addendum
- If executed at 2019 or 2020 recertification be sure to upload for units selected for the file review if applicable



VAWA Requirements



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- HUD 5381 Model Emergency Transfer Plan
 - Requirement posted publicly & available upon request
- HUD 5380 Notice of Occupancy Rights under VAWA
 - Requirement provided to existing tenants, applicants placed on waiting list and denied applicants; provided again with any notice of eviction or termination
- HUD 5382 Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking
 - Requirement same as HUD 5380
- HUD 5383 Emergency Transfer Request for Certain Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking
- Must utilize VAWA lease addendum describing specific protections for VAWA victims or contain VAWA language in main lease
- Do not upload VAWA forms in RCRS, they will be reviewed at the physical inspections
- VAWA and other HUD forms can be found on the HUD website in English, Spanish and other languages as needed.

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Loss of Key Payment – Timely Submissions



- New Policy Effective January 1, 2019
- DHHS will no longer pay Key Subsidy for unit events that exceed 12 months
- Example: If the requisition is submitted
 January 2020 for 14 months of Key
 Payments (from November 2018 –
 December 2019), the Management
 Company will not receive payment for
 November or December 2018 because
 these months are outside of the 12 month
 payment window



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Tax Credit Specific Requirements & State Requirements



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Supportive Services

- If a supportive Services Plan was originally required, the property must continue to follow the approved services plan
- If the plan is not relevant or needs to be updated to reflect current activities, submit a copy of the services plan to NCHFA for approval
- Documentation must be maintained to show compliance with the plan

Examples include:

- Services notebook
- Flyers
- Sign-in sheets
- Calendars





What is the Targeting Program?

- Partnership between DHHS, NCHFA, and local communities
- Annually, 10% of newly funded Low Income Housing Credit (LIHC) units targeted to person with disabilities
- Targeting Unit Agreements (TUA)
- Persons must be referred by a service provider who has made a commitment to participate
- Housing with access to supports and services (on-site services not required)





Key Assistance

- State funded operating assistance to subsidize rent of tenants referred by DHHS through the Targeting Program
- Limited to households headed by persons with disabilities, verified by income based upon disability (SSI, SSDI, etc.)
- Key Payment standard set by NCHFA and DHHS
- Owners must sign Agreement of Participation

Property Management responsible for:

- Verifying eligibility
- Sending NCHFA monthly Key requisitions via RCRS
- Transition to Section 8 voucher, if available





Income Averaging

- Only allowed for allocations in 2019 and forward!
- All requirements are spelled out in the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP)

The following slides contain the basics:



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Income Averaging

Applicants electing to use income averaging must comply with the following:

- The income average for the property cannot exceed 60%,
- The income average for any bedroom type cannot exceed 60%,
- · Market rate units are prohibited,
- For projects with more than one building, Owners must select each building is part of a multiple building set-aside on line 8b in part II of IRS Form 8609.





Income Averaging

- No project can have more than four (4) income bands consisting of: 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80% area median income.
- Any project utilizing income averaging:
 - Must pay a monitoring fee of \$1,200 per unit in 2019 (\$1,500 per unit in 2020)
 - Includes all units, qualified, unrestricted, and employee
 - Must be paid prior to issuance of the project's IRS Form 8609.





Income Averaging Compliance Monitoring Requirements

1. Designations must FLOAT: Income and rent designations are required to float to maintain compliance with set-asides specified in the application.





Income Averaging Compliance Monitoring Requirements

2. All tenants must be recertified annually: All households must be certified annually in accordance with B(1)(vi) to confirm the appropriate unit set-aside. No exception is allowed for one hundred percent (100%) low income projects using Average Income as the minimum set-aside. If household income has increased to the next set-aside, the next available unit of comparable or smaller size must be rented to a household at the lower set-aside until the appropriate unit mix is restored. If household income decreases, it is acceptable to move the unit to the lower set-aside if a slot is available, but this is not mandatory.



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Income Averaging Compliance Monitoring Requirements

- **3.** Annual Tenant File Reviews by NCHFA: Low-income certification review frequency under C(2)(ii) will be increased to annual review to monitor compliance with this set-aside.
- **4. Lower Income & Rent Limits:** Lower set-asides must follow the Multifamily Tax Subsidy Program (MTSP) income and rent limits as published by HUD annually. Any units where income or rent exceeds the limit for the set-aside specified on the low-income certification will be reported to the IRS.



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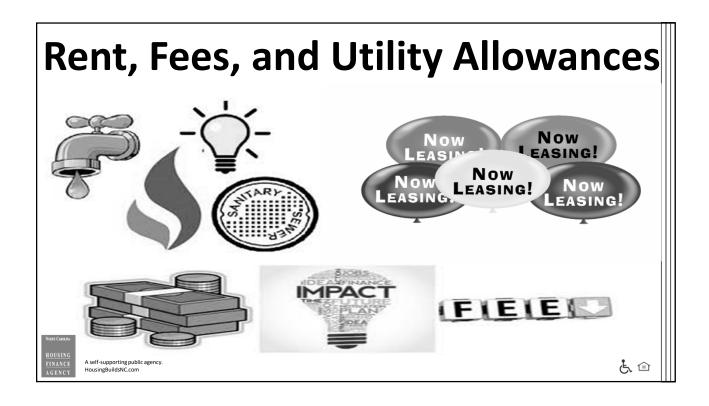
Income Averaging Compliance Monitoring Requirements

5. Noncompliance reported to IRS: As part of the annual review of the certification required under C(1), the Agency will test compliance with the Average Income requirements. Units out of compliance at year end, regardless of whether attributable to a low-income certification issue or a physical inspection issue, will be removed from the applicable fraction to determine whether the Average Income is acceptable and meets program requirements. If the minimum number of compliant units falls below forty percent (40%), or if the average income designation of compliant units is above sixty percent (60%) Area Median Income (AMI), the entire project will fail to meet the required minimum set-aside and will be reported to the IRS.





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Rents

- With RPP loans and other agency financing, NCHFA must approve rent increases
- Rents are generally set under the applicable rent limits
- Rents charged cannot exceed the NCHFA approved amounts even if the rental charged complies with the rent limit



Instructions for Rent Increase Submission in RCRS

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**If this is your first request via RCRS, you will need to enter your current approved rents (without entering the Budget items) and submit via RCRS. We will approve and then you can submit your Rent Increase Request.

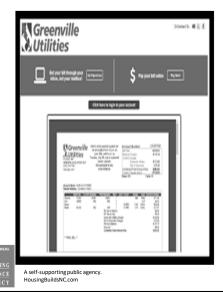


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Email rimccauley@nchfa.com for assistance/questions



Utility Allowances



- The utility allowance includes all utilities paid directly by the tenant and not by or through the owner
- Owner cannot bill tenants for utilities based on unit size, number of HH members, or other general allocations where conservation efforts by HH do not reduce the bill
- The owner can separately bill the tenant for utility if units are sub-metered



Utility Allowances



Changes in operating, maintenance and administrative expense

THE APPROVED CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| | Present | Present Proposed | Proposed | Amount | Amount | |
|---------|---------|------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Basic | Note | Basic | Note | Changed | Changed |
| | Rent | Rent | Rent | Rent | Basic | Note |
| 1 BR | \$442 | \$472 | \$457 | \$487 | \$15 | \$15 |
| 2 BR | \$526 | \$546 | \$541 | \$561 | \$15 | \$15 |
| 2 BR TH | \$551 | \$581 | \$566 | \$596 | \$15 | \$15 |

The approved utility allowance changes are as follows

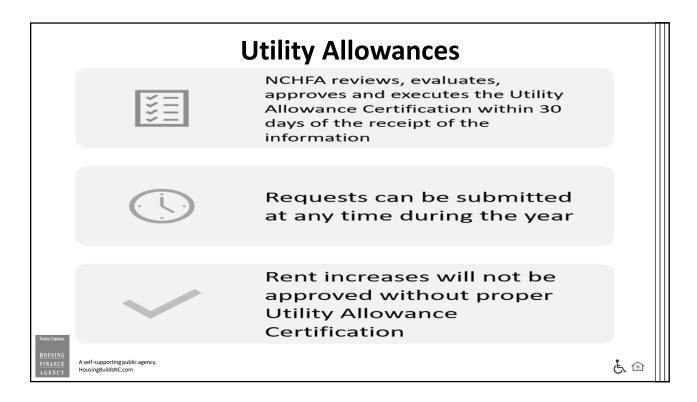
| | Present | Proposed | Amount |
|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | Utility | Utility | Changed |
| | Allowance | Allowance | |
| 1 BR | \$72 | \$72 | \$0 |
| 2 BR | \$97 | \$97 | \$0 |
| 2 BR TH | \$97 | \$97 | \$0 |

Should you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Rural Development. The Rural Development Servicing Office address is:

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Requirements for all methodologies

- Utility Allowance must be updated annually
- With each request, all utility allowance types must be uploaded into RCRS with a cover letter indicating the utility type and effective date
- NCHFA staff will enter the UA for use by property
- We do not have the ability to enter different UA effective dates based on type
- For assistance contact Theresa McSorely at tamcsorely@nchfa.com



Utility Allowances

- UA regulation can be found in 1.42-10 http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drip/n-09-44.pdf
- NCHFA Guidance can be found at the <u>www.nchfa.com</u> under policies and procedures
- Owners are not required to update, or implement utility allowances until the building has achieved 90% occupancy for a 90 day period, or the end of the first year of the credit period (whichever is first)
- UA changes prior to the final cost cert must be approved by the development underwriters



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Utility Allowances

- Owners are allowed to switch utility allowance methodologies from year to year
- Owners must pay all cost incurred in obtaining and providing the estimates to residents and the Agency
- With the exception of HUD regulated and RHS buildings, owners are allowed to mix and match the options
 - For example, the PHA utility allowance for water and sewer can be used with the Agency estimate for electricity
- UA estimates and supporting documentation must be retained in compliance with the program's record keeping provisions



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Utility Allowance Methodologies

- 1. RHS Utility Allowance 1.42-10(b)(1) & (2)
- If the building or its tenants receive assistance from RHS, the applicable utility allowance for all rent-restricted units in the building is the applicable RHS utility allowance
- No fee
- 2. HUD Utility Allowance 1.42-10(b)(3)
- If the rents and utility allowance are reviewed by HUD on a annual basis (HUD regulated buildings), the applicable utility allowance is the applicable HUD utility allowance (Project-Based Section 8)
- The HUD UA is utilized for the entire building
- No fee





Utility Allowance Methodologies

- 3. Public Housing Authority (PHA) 1.42-10(b)(4)(i) & (ii)(A)
- The local PHA allowance may be used for all units
- Must use PHA allowance for any unit occupied by a voucher holder
- Changes in the PHA utility allowance must be implemented within 90 days of the effective date
- PHA utility allowances that have not changed from year to year must provide documentation that UA has not changed
- RCRS will not allow two PHA utility allowances for one property
- Upload all applicable schedules
- Largest of the two PHA utility allowances will be entered as PHA utility allowance for the property
- No fee





Utility Allowance Methodologies 4. Written Local Estimate 1.42-10(b)(4)(ii)(B)

- Any interested party may obtain, estimate must be available to residents
- Request must be sent in writing for the local utility provider
- Estimated cost of the utility for a unit of similar size and construction in the geographic area
- Estimate should include all component service charges
- \$150 fee
- 5. HUD Utility Schedule Model 1.42(b)(4)(ii)(D)
- Developed by HUD for tax credit properties
- Must obtain utility rates form utility companies to input into the model
- www.huduser.org/datasets/lihtc.html
- \$150 fee





Utility Allowance Methodologies

6. Energy Conservation Model 1.42(b)(4)(ii)€

- Owners can calculate allowance using an energy, water, and sewer consumption and analysis model
- The consumption estimates must be calculated by a properly licensed engineer or qualified professional approved by the Agency
- \$150 fee

What documentation is required by NCHFA for this method?

- Properly licensed engineer certification only, no backup documentation required
- Qualified professional all backup used to calculate allowance must be submitted. If back up documentation does not meet requirements, UA will not be approved. (i.e., Duke Power letter is not sufficient for Qualified Professional)



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Firms Approved by NCHFA

- Licensed engineer: 2rw Consultants UApro at http://uapro.2rw.biz or 434-296-2116
- Licensed engineer: Southern Energy Management at www.southernenergy.com or 919-836-0330
- Licensed engineer: Matern Professional Engineering, Inc. at www.matern.net or 407-740-5020
- Licensed engineer: Energy Consulting, Inc. at http://ecialabama.com or 205-980-9091
- (Note: Utility allowances provided by these 4 companies are accepted without any additional backup documentation)





Firms Approved by NCHFA

- Qualified Professional Zeffert & Associates at https://www.zeffert.com/site/index.php/services/utility-allowance-calculations or 800-820-4079
- Qualified Professional Effect Energy, Inc at www.effectenergy.us or 919-306-1230
- Qualified Professional Home Energy & Comfort Solutions at http://homeenergyandcomfortsolutions.com or 859-983-7382
- Qualified Professional Environmental Solutions Group LLC at http://www.goesg.com or 336-373-1538
- Qualified Professional Performance Point, LLC at http://www.ThePerformancePoint.com or 704-563-1030

Note: If one of these 5 firms are chosen, they will be expected to provide back-up documentation to support their calculation method. We reserve the right to request additional documentation if we are not satisfied with their work



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Utility Allowance Methodologies

7. Agency Estimate 1.42-10(b)(4)(ii)(C)

- Actual utility company usage data and rates from a sample of occupied units to establish the allowance
- Sample units must be geographically dispersed across the property
- \$150 fee

Must provide information required of NCHFA Utility allowance policy including:

- Consumption data for at least 25% of each unit type (bedroom size) or a minimum of 5 units of each type, whichever is greater
- Consumption history must be for 12 months of continuously occupied units of each bedroom size
- Months where the unit is vacant for more than 2 weeks will not be included
- Copies of actual tenant billing records are acceptable





Utility Allowance Methodologies

- Consumption history must be entered into Agency Estimate Spreadsheet, which can be found on our website, <u>www.nchfa.com</u>
- Agency Estimate Spreadsheet will calculate the UA average for each bedroom size and utility type and print a Certification
- The Certification is signed by the person compiling the information. The owner (GP) is not required to sign
- If the utility company computes the average using requirements required by NCHFA for properties using consumption history, this will be accepted
- Under no circumstances will averages be accepted if the minimum sample size is not provided or if the average is computed on less than 12 months (i.e. Duke Power letter with 3 units



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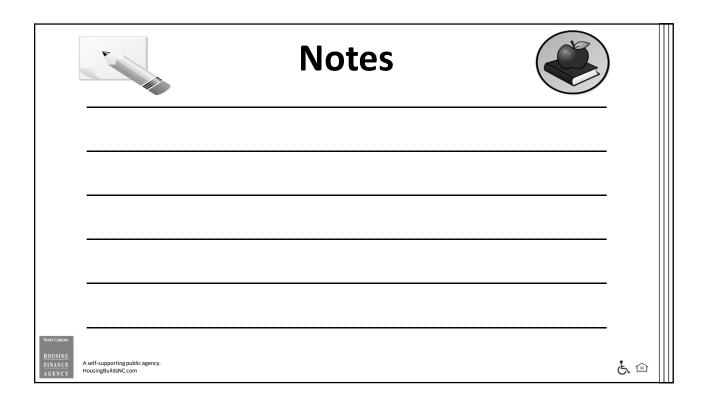


Utility Allowance Methodologies

- Certification must be submitted to the Agency within 60 days of the end of the 12 month period used to calculate the allowance
- Data cannot be more than 60 days old
- Owner must upload via RCRS as a pdf:
 - Agency Estimate Spreadsheet
 - Certification signed by the management company only
 - PHA Utility Allowance
 - All backup documentation, i.e. utility bills or consumption records
 - If file is too large, send backup documentation via mail along with cover letter and any applicable fee

















HOME Lease Requirements

NCHFA's HOME Lease Addendum is **REQUIRED**, regardless of lease for properties with NCHFA's HOME funds.

REMINDERS:

- NC Real Estate Law requires all leases to be drafted by an attorney because a lease is a legal contract. The lease may contain blanks, such as for the tenant name and rental rate, that are filled in by management.
- NCHFA requires HOME units to "float" throughout the property and does not allow "fixed" HOME units.



If one HOME unit at property, must use the HOME lease for all units.



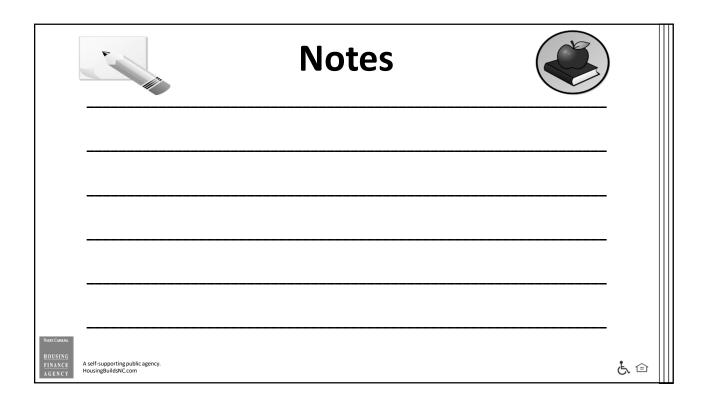
HOME Rent Limits

If the HOME funds are issued by NCHFA, the maximum allowable rent is the rent approved in writing by the Agency.

Utility allowance changes must be approved by NCHFA. If UA increases cause HOME rent limits to be exceeded, rent will likely have to be decreased. PHA UA must be used for LIHC households with Section 8 vouchers.
Although PHA UA is used on the TIC, we use the property's approved UA to determine HOME compliance



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Typical Loan Requirements





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Rent Increase Process

What do we look for?

- Reasonable annual increases of \$15 or less
- Increases of more than \$15 must be justified
- Even if a larger increase is justified, we may limit the increase for in-place tenants unless they receive rental assistance
- We make sure that all approved rents are below the applicable set-asides in place for the property
- We use a standard vacancy rate of 7% regardless of actual vacancy rate
- We compare the budget submitted to the actual expenses documented in the most recent audited financial
- We ensure the most recent years audited financials have been submitted via RCRS





Rent Increase Process

- Rent increases must be approved by the Agency
- Submit annual request for rent increases, at least 60 days prior to expected effective date
- Current utility allowance must be approved prior to submission of rent increase (if UA is more than 9 months old, we may require an update)
- Increases must be submitted in RCRS after loan closing
- Before loan closing, submit to Development Staff
- If you have not submitted a request in RCRS, you will need to enter your current approved rents and submit for approval
- Once we approve your current rents, you can then submit the rent increase via RCRS



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What do we look for?

- We disallow any fees being paid to the investor (such as asset management fees, syndicator service fee, etc.) even though this is a cost of doing business
- Once all budget adjustments are made, we look for a 1.15 debt coverage ratio
- If the debt coverage ratio is more than 1.15, we then look at projected cash flow
- If projected cash flow is less than \$500 per unit per year (PUPY), we may approve the increase
- If more than \$500 PUPY, we will either decrease or deny the increase





Reserve Requirements

Typical Reserve Accounts:

- Rent-up Reserve
- Replacement reserve
- Operating Reserve

Effective Immediately:

- The most recent years audited financials must be submitted via RCRS prior to reserve request approvals
- Submit approval request for RPP properties through RCRS
- Once the process has been refined, we will ask SHDP and other Agency loans that require Agency approval to use the new process.
- Instructions can be found at: https://www.nchfa.com/rental-housing-partners/rental-owners-managers/forms-and-resources
- Contact Randa McCauley with questions at: rjmccauley@nchfa.com



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Reserve Requirements Rent-Up Reserve Account

Rent-up Reserve Account

- Funded prior to closing
- Used to cover operating expenses during the leasing phase
- Withdrawals do not require NCHFA approval
- Any funds remaining in the account after rent-up must be deposited into the Replacement Reserve Account





Reserve Requirements Replacement Reserve Account

- · Funded by monthly installments after closing
- Used for replacement of capital items
- Withdrawals require NCHFA approval
- Typically we require \$250 per unit per year for new construction and \$350 (PUPY) for rehabs, with deposits escalating by 4% per year
- This is not enough to fund long term needs of the property





Reserve Requirements Replacement Reserve Account

To request a withdrawal from the Replacement Reserve Account – submit a letter with the request, along with:

- The most recent reserve bank statements
- The most recent trail balance
- Invoices dated less than 12 months <u>OR</u> 2-3 bids for the work. Bids should be similar in scope. You are not required to accept the lowest bid, but you must explain your choice if it is not the lowest
- Routine replacement items (such as carpet/flooring) may be submitted quarterly or annually



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Reserve Requirements Replacement Reserve Account

Typical problems with withdrawal request:

- Phase I & II must be treated as separate properties, not as a single property, Please divide expenses appropriately
- We do not allow withdrawals simply because you are "over-budget" in a given area; there must be a real need
- Please do an Excel spreadsheet for large requests
- Please do not submit multiple small request in a short time frame; instead, hold and submit one larger request
- Please do not submit if invoice is over one year old



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Reserve Requirements Replacement Reserve Account

Policy Effective 10/1/2011

- Minimum balance required in the Replacement Reserve Account = 24 months of the required deposits
- If balance is less than required amount, withdrawals will not be allowed, even if the item requested is an eligible reserve item.
 Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis for properties in extreme adverse financial situations



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Reserve Requirements Replacement Reserve Account

Items we typically approve for withdrawal:

- Appliances
- Roof replacements
- Exterior painting
- Paving or seal coating parking lots (not striping only)
- Carpet/Flooring replacement
- HVAC Replacement
- Mowers & equipment
- Office computer, within reason



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Reserve Requirements Replacement Reserve Account

Items **NOT** typically approve for withdrawal:

- Interior painting
- Blinds
- Appliance repairs
- Replacement of component parts (such as fan motors or A/C compressor)
- Bedbug or other pest control treatments
- Landscaping material or services
- Pressure washing
- Items that should be covered by insurance





Reserve Requirements Operating Reserve Account

- Funded prior to loan closing
- Used for operating deficits during times of economic hardship, such as high vacancies
- Withdrawals require NCHFA approval
- Account must be restored to required balance prior to any distributions or payments to owners or investors

To request a withdrawal from Operating Reserve Account, submit a letter explain the request, along with:

- The most recent reserve bank statement
- The most recent trial balance, and
- Proof or detailed explanation of the operating deficit



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Financial Audits

- Refer to announcements in RCRS for instructions on entering audit information in RCRS
- Contact Erica Hopkins if you have questions, elhopkins@nchfa.com

Requirements:

- Must be prepared in comparative format, annually
- Data entered in RCRS must be from the audited financials statement (not year-end management numbers
- Must be submitted through RCRS no later than 90 days after the close of the property's fiscal year (Due April 1 for most properties)
- Must contain a written response to any audit findings or identified material weaknesses in internal controls
- Remember to include accrued not yet paid fees (such as asset management, incentive management and owner distributions)





Insurance Requirements

Required Insurance

- Property (Hazard)
- General Liability
- Workers Compensation
- Fidelity Bond
- Flood (if applicable)





Property (Hazard) Requirements

- Fire & extended coverage
- NCHFA named as mortgagee & loss payee
 North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, ISOA, ATIMA
 PO Box 28066, Raleigh, NC 27611-8066
- Coverage equal to the amount of the loan
- Coverage maintained throughout loan term
- Required form: Acord 28





General Liability Requirements

Comprehensive liability insurance required to cover claims for personal injury, including:

- Bodily injury
- Death on property
- Damage occurring on or in premises
- Required form: Acord 25





Workers Compensation/Fidelity Bond

Workers Compensation

Fidelity Bond

- Provides protection insure against loss of money, securities, and properties through any criminal or dishonest acts committed by any employee
- Position bond held by management company
- Amount equal to three months cash flow
- Maximum deductible is \$10,000 but NCHFA require smaller deductible if issues of internal controls are noted in audit
- Required form: Acord 25





RPP Management Document Approval

NCHFA Lease Approval

- Required prior to loan closing
- Upload lease along with appropriate lease addendums in RCRS
 - TC Lease Addendum
 - HOME Lease Addendum
- Both addendums must be completed if both funding sources are applicable
- NCHFA will not verify/review the actual lease going since the addendums are required and cover Agency requirements
- We still encourage you to have your lease reviewed by an attorney



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RPP Management Document Approval

Affirmative Housing Marketing Plan (AFHMP)

- Required prior to loan closing
- Upload via RCRS
- Be sure to include the applicable worksheets and other supporting documentation as required by the plan instructions

Management Plan

- Required prior to loan closing
- Upload via RCRS





RPP Management Document Approval

Tenant Selectin Plan (TSP)

- · Required prior to loan closing
- Upload via RCRS (include checklist)
- Refer to Agency website for current requirement and important dates

Management Plan

- · Required prior to closing
- Upload via RCRS



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RPP Management Document Approval

Tenant Participation Plan

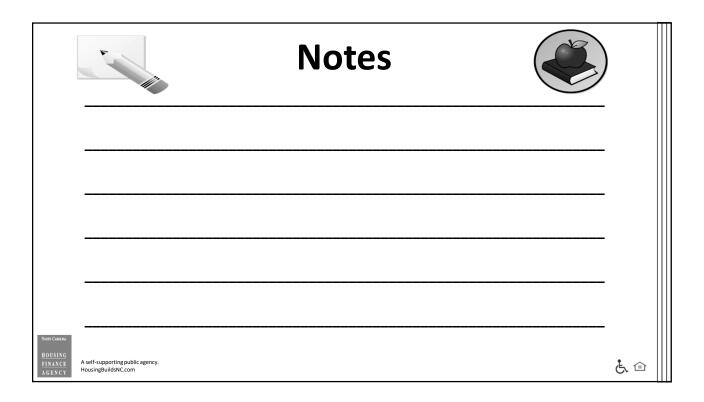
- Only required if CHDO
- Required prior to loan closing
- Refer to agency website for current requirements/instructions
- Email to ssharris@nchfa.com

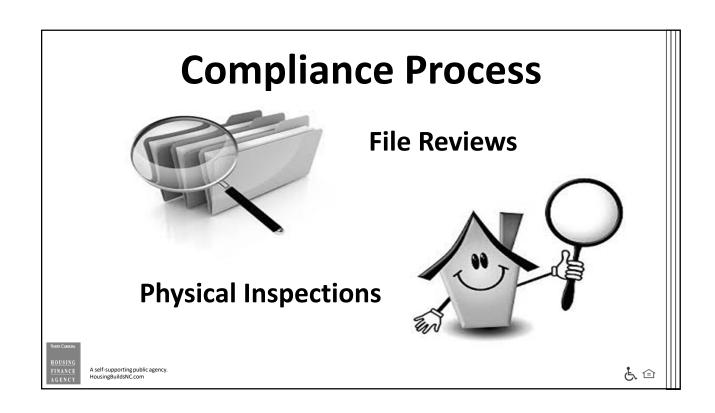
Grievance Procedures

- · Only required if CHDO
- Required prior to loan closing
- Refer to agency website for current requirements/instructions
- Email to ssharris@nchfa.com









Compliance Process

Periodic monitoring reviews are required of housing programs administered by NCHFA

Monitoring reviews are conducted to confirm the project meets:

- Rent and income restrictions
- Physical conditions standards
- Other program restrictions





Compliance Process

File Review/Physical Inspection Process:

- Rough schedule by email (make sure your contacts are updated in RCRS)
- Notification Letter uploaded in RCRS (site staff should receive a copy)
- Review/inspection completed
- Compliance Results Letter uploaded in RCRS
- Owner Response uploaded in RCRS (if applicable)
- Final Report uploaded in RCRS (if applicable)
- 8823 issued (if applicable)





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Final Report Responses



Final report responses for File Review and Physical Inspection Noncompliance:

- What do I do during the 14-day period?
- Do I have to respond?

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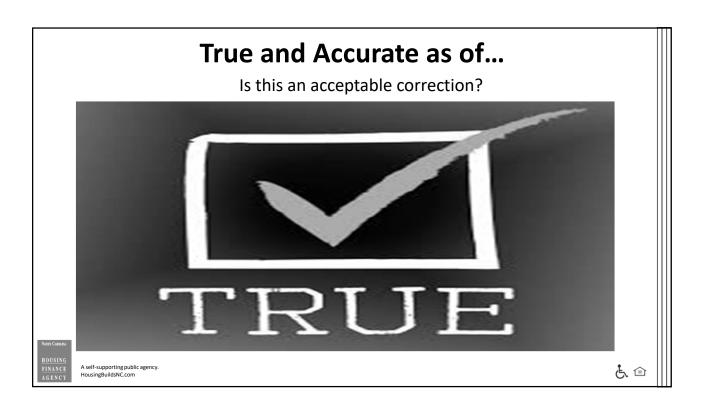
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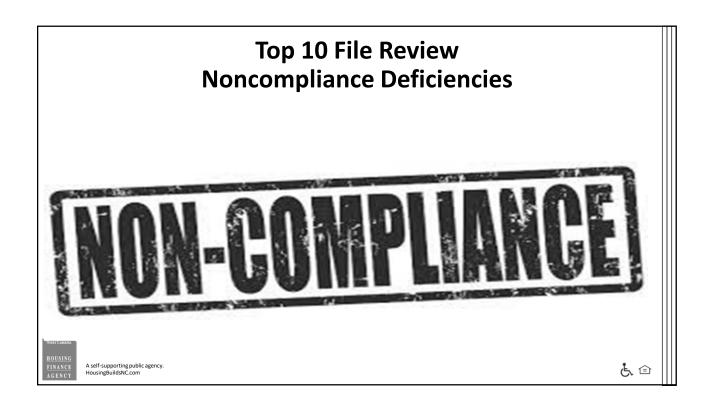
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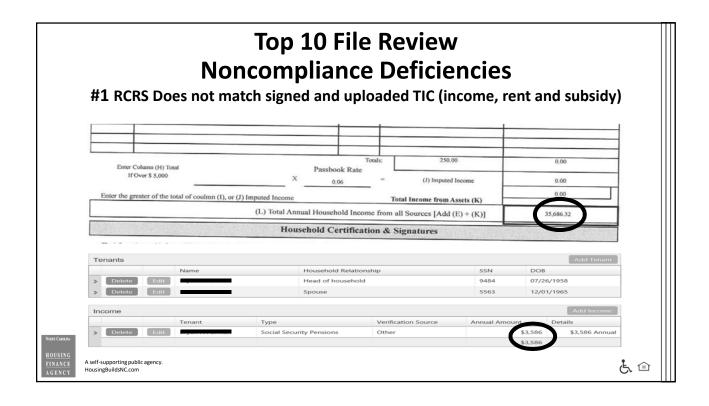
- NCHFA staff will review at least 20% of the low income units (10% if monitored annually) Reminder: possible sample size change in 2021
- If necessary, additional files will be requested and reviewed
- Files are uploaded in RCRS
- Management has 14 calendar days to review/submit the requested files (Unit events and move-in documents should be uploaded within 30 days of the unit event in RCRS to avoid noncompliance. Recert unit events should be entered in RCRS within 30 days of the unit event, documents only uploaded if requested for a file review, unless the household receives KEY assistance

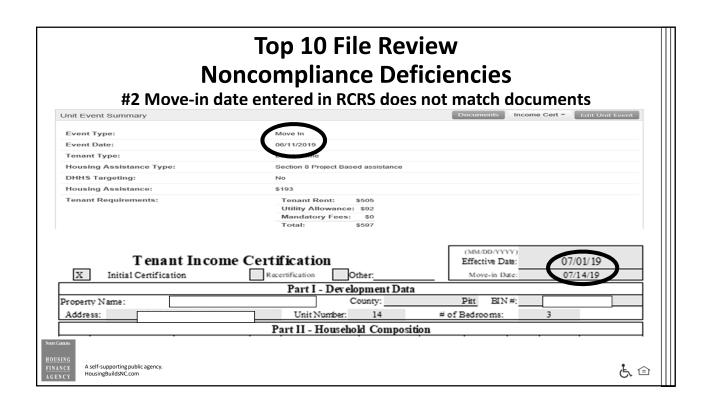


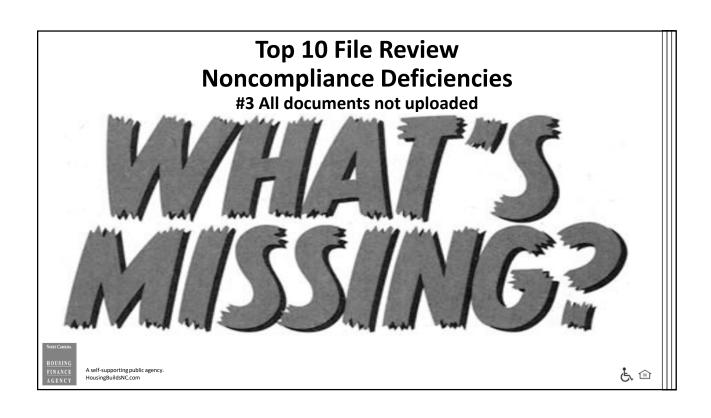


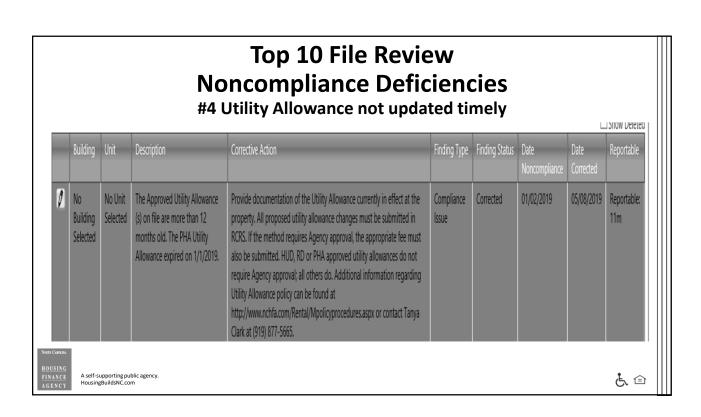


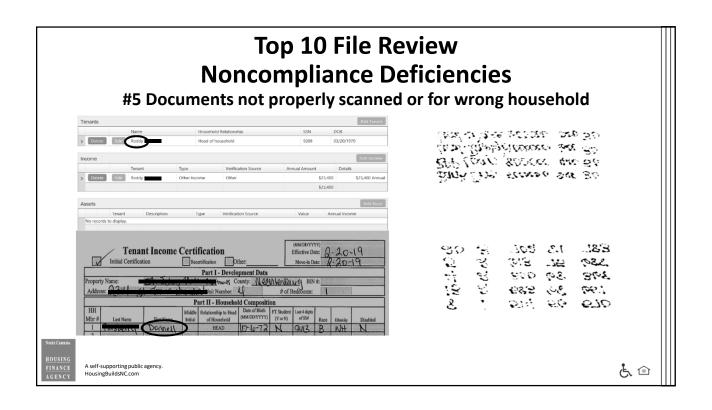


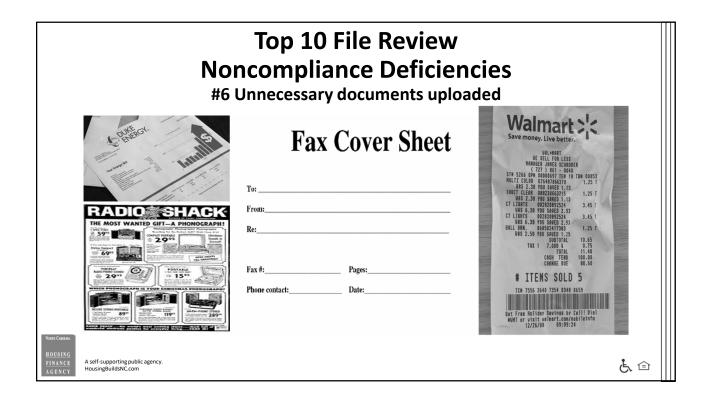


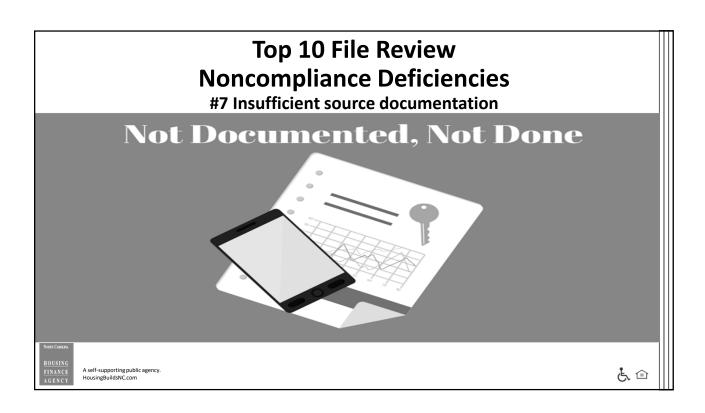


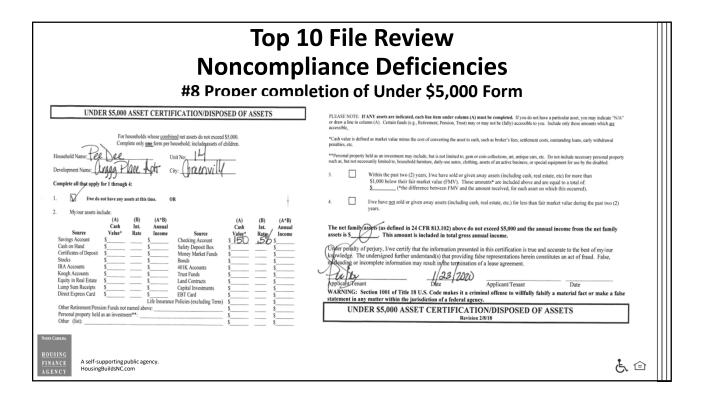












Top 10 File Review Noncompliance Deficiencies

#9 Not using the required NCHFA Employment Verification Form

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| DATE: | | | | | |
| EMPLOYER: | PROPERTY: | | | | |
| ADDRESS: | ADDRESS: | | | | |
| CITY, STATE, ZIP | CITY, STATE, ZIP | | | | |
| CONTACT: | CONTACT: | | | | |
| TEL: FAX: | TEL: FAX: | | | | |
| Check stubs are the preferred method for employment verification. If check stubs are not being used, the NCHFA Employment Verification Form, found on our website is required to be used to verify employment income | | | | | |
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Compliance Tip: Income/Asset Calculation Worksheet Show your work! Sample form can be found on our website 3/18/2019 3:50:59 PM **LIHTC Source Calculation Listing** 5-2-19 Effective Date 4/1/2010 **Unit Numbe** Head of Household Transaction Type Initial Income Member Name Income Type Description \$11,322.00 \$11,322.00 Assets Number of Price per Penalty For Early Withdrawl Cash Interest Market Yearly Rate Dividend Member Name Description Value \$50.00 \(\sigma 0.09\% \) \$0.00 \(\sigma 0.00\% \) Savings Account Checking Account \$ 0.05 self-supporting public agency <u>Ł</u> 🗈

Physical Inspections

Reminders for 2020

- For projects awarded credits 2007 or later, fire extinguishers or fire stops must be in all units
- Fire stops should not be expired check during your quarterly inspections and budget accordingly
- All fire extinguishers must be inspected by a third party, even if purchased in bulk
- For projects awarded credits 2017 or later, recycle amenities are required. If not providing, must have documentation services are not provided by your local waste contractor





- Entire 2020 monitoring schedule is available in RCRS
- Staff will email prior to the inspection to schedule, the notification letter will be uploaded in RCRS 14 days prior to the inspection date
- Requests to reschedule will be considered if requested at least 2 months in advance
- Trips are regionally aggerated to reduce costs and resources
- Residents must be given proper notice 48 Hour Notice (TC Lease Addendum)





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Physical Inspections

Staff should have available applicable reports:

- Current fire extinguisher report
- Sprinkler inspection, alarm, back flow testing report
- Elevator inspection report
- Other applicable building system/property related inspections





- Upon arrival, we will give you the opportunity to identify units with issues such as bedbugs, household that have provided notification of illness (contagious), or units that are under eviction
- A list of units to be inspected will be presented after adjusting for the circumstances above

At least 20% of the units will be inspected

10% if monitored annually

Units vacant over 30 days will be inspected

Reminder: possible sample size change in 2021

 Willful offering misleading information to a inspector may result in the Agency placing the entire property in noncompliance and reported to IRS



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Physical Inspections



Currently, NCHFA uses the Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) as the inspection standard. UPCS will be replaced by (National Standard for Physical Inspections of Real Estate, timing TBD.

The goal of the UPCS inspection standard is to:

- Measure the physical condition of the property
- Objective and consistent manner
- Accommodates all property types & configurations







UPCS Inspectable Areas

- Site
- Building Systems
- Exteriors
- Common Areas
- Units
- Health & Safety

NCHFA must report violations to the IRS



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Physical Inspections

Guide for Completing Form 8823, Low-Income Housing Credit Agencies Report of Noncompliance or Building Disposition

The scope of this guide is limited to guidelines for preparing Form 8823 for submission to the IRS. Taxpayers are responsible for evaluating the tax consequences of noncompliance with IRC §42.

Levels of Noncompliance

- Level 1 Minor (Comment or Concern)
- Level 2 Major
- Level 3 Severe

Level 2 and 3 are reported to the IRS per the 8823 Audit Guide.



https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-utl/lihc-form8823guide.pdf

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Examples of Levels

- Level 1 Minor: 1" to 8 ½" x 11" hole in sheetrock that does not go through both sides of the wall
- Level 2 Major: >8 ½" x 11" hole in sheetrock that does not go through both sides of the wall
- Level 3 Severe: Hole in the sheetrock that penetrates to the next room <u>OR</u> two or more walls that have level 2 damage

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Physical Inspections

Health and Safety Violations

Exigent (life threating)

Any deficiencies noted under this category

- A list of the deficiencies will be left with management staff
- All exigent deficiencies must be corrected within 24 hours

Non-life threatening

• A list of the deficiencies will be left with management staff



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Management staff has minimal duties or activities during the inspection:

- Entering the unit first and announcing the inspection
- "Clearing" the apartment by quickly walking the unit and opening all doors, including closet doors
- Speaking with the resident in case they have a question or concern
- Turning on the oven and stove elements until they are warm. They should be turned off when they are warm enough to be tested. Do not leave the kitchen stove on unattended
- Open the blinds in each room so the inspector can look for mold/mildew, broken, fogged, or damaged windows or locks. Open the window(s) in each bedroom until they are inspected. The inspector should close and lock the window



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Physical Inspections



Maintenance should bring along:

- Extra smoke detectors and batteries
- Stick, if necessary, to test smoke alarms
- Tools screwdriver, pliers, etc.
- Light bulbs, drip pans
- Wall plates, switch and outlet covers
- Filler plates for panel boxes
- Dryer vent caps, GFI receptacle
- Door hardware



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- Our inspection results are a snapshot in time
- We must record what we see during the inspection
- If it is there, it must function as designed
- We must inspect all areas of the apartment
- We must inspect all "working" items in the apartment, including all windows, doors, toilets, sink, tub/showers, cooking appliances, light, etc.
- If the resident is using their own window air conditioner or refrigerator/freezer they must be inspected

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Accessibility

Effective January 1, 2014

Accessibility noncompliance will result in 8823 being issued



Pretty Matters



- Effective August 1, 2016, all repairs to address UPCS deficiencies in preparation for inspection shall be in good and workmanlike manner with materials that are suitable for the purpose and free from defects
- Commonly referred to as National Industry Standards (NIS)
- Example: Drywall repair sheet rock with mud and/or tape is the correct means of repair. Simply covering the hole or damaged area with plywood/laminate is not a correct repair method

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Physical Inspections – Amenities



- Must function as intended
- Be online and available to residents
- Must be Accessible
- If offline or new amenity is installed, must have written permission from NCHFA – contact Susan Westbrook

Tip for Compliance

Be able to document NCHFA approval for amenity changes



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Unwanted Amenities



Play equipment and amenities are an inspectable item. Sometimes these amenities become damaged or unattended to. Some are taken off-line, yet only partially. For example: if you have a swing set with one seat usable and two seats missing, it is a violation. If it is "removed from service", then the swing set must not be useable at all.

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Yearly Building Inspections

- Each year the owner must have various third-party inspections of building systems, if such systems are available. They include:
- Elevator(s)
- Fire sprinkler, alarm systems, back flow
- Emergency backup generator, chiller and hot water boilers
- Fire extinguishers

Have the reports available prior to the inspection, if they are not available on the day of the inspection, it will recorded as noncompliance

Certificates and/or inspection reports must show that the systems or components have passed the inspection (within 12 months of our visit) and components work as intended. Get an early start on these inspections. If you fail an inspection, you may need time for service calls and re-inspections. Reports showing failing results will put the building(s) and/or components in noncompliance





Vacant Unit Policy



Policy for units vacant over 30 days

- There is no "48 hour rule"
- When inspecting a unit that has been vacant 30 days or longer, the inspector must record each deficiency observed as noncompliance
- Units placed off-line because of major damages to the unit or building, or lack of repair funds available must be reported to the Agency prior to the inspection



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Is Hoarding a Deficiency?



Hoarding is now recognized as a disability
There is no specific deficiency for hoarding
Results of hoarding can create health and
safety deficiencies

Here are some examples:

- Excessive garbage and debris (trash) stored inside. Strong odors noticed. May observe bug infestation. Other sanitary issues
- Clothes thrown all over the unit, blocking the path of travel/exit (egress), trip and fall hazards
- Dirty dishes in the sink or piles of clothing on top of the laundry room are not deficiency issues. They may be housekeeping issues (concern)



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Hoarding Examples (Continued)



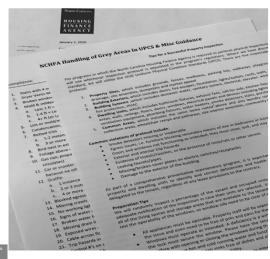
- Overflowing closets are okay if clothes do not block an electrical panel or are stored where they are not touching a gas furnace or hot water heater
- Items stored may not block window and door emergency exits
- Items stored in such a manner that falling debris or other issues may cause a injury or safety concern
- If closets are the only issue, it generally does not create issues



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NCHFA Handling of Grey Areas in UPCS & Misc. Guidance and Tips for a Successful Inspection



- Included with the Physical Inspection Notification Letter
- Physical Inspection Notification Letter and the Grey Areas have been revised for 2020
- A copy should be given to site staff to help with their pre-inspection preparations and training





#1 Trip hazards in dwelling units and in outdoor locations





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Top 10 Physical Inspection Noncompliance Deficiencies

#2 Blocked or missing dampers on exterior exhaust vents





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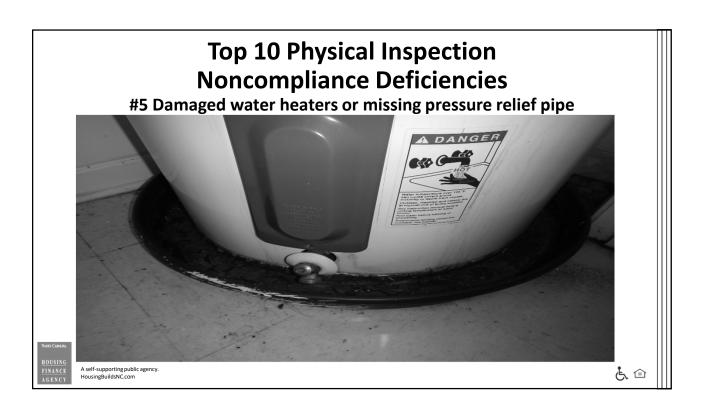


Top 10 Physical Inspection Noncompliance Deficiencies

#4 Blocked emergency egress at windows/doors











#7 Broken window and doors seals. Fogged/condensation observed





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Top 10 Physical Inspection Noncompliance Deficiencies

#8 Foil observed under stove/oven heating element, foil drip pans







#9 Bedroom and/or bathroom doors that do not close, latch, and lock





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Top 10 Physical Inspection Noncompliance Deficiencies

#10 Missing or inoperable smoke detectors



Physical Inspection Noncompliance Responses



- Provide a work order/invoice along with pictures documenting the correction
- Do not upload a copy of the visit response letter
- When to send a invoice/work order
- When to send a picture
- Make sure that the invoice/work order includes the date the work order is completed
- A bid or proposal is not satisfactory documentation that the noncompliance has been corrected
- What if an error message is received... Your upload size is too large



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Affirmative Marketing

Properties financed by NCHFA must:

- State in their leasing criteria that the property will comply with state and federal fair housing laws
- Identify methods to market to persons with disabilities and populations least likely to apply
- Applying screening criteria uniformly
- Display an approved Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan, HUD form 935.2A, in the leasing office and make it available to the public upon request. (Updated Form December 2011; New Expiration Date January 31, 2021)
- To obtain Agency approval, upload in RCRS





Tenant Selection Plan

The Tenant Selection Policy defines who is eligible to live in the apartment community. It must be in writing and must define acceptable and/or unacceptable criteria related to:

- Landlord References
- Credit Checks
- Criminal History
- Sex Offender Check
- Occupancy Standards
- Eligibility Requirements
- Definition of Elderly (if applicable)
- Appeal Process



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Tenant Selection Policy

- NCHFA developed a model criminal policy in connection with the Fair Housing Center
- Owners and managers must generally conform to the guidance memo dated 3/19/2018.
- New properties placing in service on or after 1/1/2019 must submit a plan that meets the requirements
- Existing properties which have an approved TSP based on the Agency's TSP policy published on 7/5/2016 are required to update the plan to comply with the requirements no later than 1/1/2021
- Plans must be uploaded in RCRS and posted in the leasing office





Tenant Selection Policy

Property Management Company:

Fair Housing and Tenant Selection Policy for Properties Monitored by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency This applies to all properties not just those with RPP Loans

Tenant Selection Plan Content Checklist (updated 7/16/18)

Property Name:

The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (the Agency) has a responsibility to affirmatively further fair housing within its housing programs. Among the Agency's public policy objectives related to fair housing are the following:

- Ensure access to housing created through our programs by vulnerable, underserved, and at-risk populations
 through the application of reasonable tenant selection criteria by our landlord partners.
- Ensure access for vulnerable, underserved, and at-risk populations in the most integrated settings within the
 community.
- Ensure compliance with all applicable federal regulations related to fair housing. This includes but is not limited to:

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| Person submitting Plan: | NCHFA Reviewer: | | | | |
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| Regulations this property is subject to: | | | | | |
| Federal Tax Credits or TCAP or Exchange - | Rural Development - | HUD Section-8 - | HOME - | | |

| | | Completed by NCHFA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TSP Requirement | Where is this in the TSP? | | Is it | Comment/Corrective Action Needed |
| | Page #, Section #, Section Title | | OK? | |
| | | | Yes, | |
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| Does the property have an income maximum listed, expressed as a | | Ī | | |
| number of units at % of median income? | | | | |
| Does the TSP specify how the income limit is available? | | | | |
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DHHS Targeting Program Key Assistance







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DHHS Targeting Program/Key Training



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 $DHHS\ Targeting\ Program/Key\ training\ will\ focus\ on\ program\ requirements.\ We\ will\ cover\ tenant\ eligibility,\ program\ rules,\ and\ program\ rules,\ program\ rules,$ reporting requirements. We will also cover special claims and rental assistance processing.

nded for: Regional Managers, Owners, Compliance Staff, Onsite Staff



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Targeting Unit Eligibility TARGETING PROGRAM LETTER OF REFERRAL Must have a Targeting Program Letter of Referral Most current version includes eligible bedroom size Other eligibility requirements are determined by the type of rental assistance A self-supporting public agency. HousingBuildsNC.com

Key Rental Assistance Other Rent Assistance

- ✓ Must have Letter of Referral from DHHS
- ✓ Head of household must have income based on disability (SSI, SSDI, VA)
- ✓ Total household income cannot exceed State-mandated 50% **AMI**
- ✓ Minimum gross income of \$300/month
- ✓ Meets household size per bedroom size standard

- ✓ Must have Letter of Referral from DHHS
- √Verification of disability or homeless status according to rent assistance program rules
- √ Household income requirements according to rent assistance program rules.



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Unit Size Waiver



Income Waiver



Disability Waiver



NC Transitions Program Waiver



Compliance Tip:

Management is responsible for verifying program eligibility



NC Transitions Program Waiver

- Amount used on TIC at move in (only one TIC is completed)
 - Letter indicates amount used to calculate subsidy/tenant portion for first 120 days
 - Move-in unit event entered in RCRS using this information
 - Income override (\$1) required in RCRS
- Upload all documents as you would any other move-in unit event, including NC Transitions Waiver letter
- <u>Tip:</u> All documents are completed at move in and entered in RCRS at move in.





NC Transitions Program Waiver

- Letter indicates amount used to calculate subsidy/tenant portion after first 120 days (update unit event entered in RCRS using this information)
 - Upload Key Lease Addendum, Key Calculation Worksheet, NC Transitions Waiver
 - The amounts on these forms should reflect the amounts referenced in the Waiver letter and will be entered in RCRS
 - No income override required
 - <u>Tip:</u> documents all are completed at move in and entered in RCRS at move in.



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Live-in Aides



- Verification of need will be obtained by management
- A spouse can never be your live-in caregiver
- Additional family members are not allowed to reside in the unit
- Household member is not allowed to become the livein aide with live-in aide
- When there is no longer a need for the live-in aide, they are no longer entitled to live in the unit
 - Live-in aide no longer qualifies as a live-in aide
 - Brings other family members to reside in the unit
 - Marries the household member
 - Moves out





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Key Rental Assistance

- State-funded rental assistance to subsidize rent of tenants referred by DHHS through the Targeting Program
- Limited to households headed by persons with disabilities, verified by income based upon disability (SSI, SSDI, etc.)
- Key Payment standard
- Set by NCHFA and DHHS
- Owner must sign Agreement of Participation
- Property Management responsible for:
 - Verifying eligibility (LIHC, HOME, etc.)
 - Sending NCHFA monthly Key requisitions
 - Transition to Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8), if applicable



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Key Assistance Payment Standard

Key Program subsidy pays the difference between the tenant rent share and the payment standard

| Unit Size | % of Household Income Paid for Rent | Minimum Household Size | Payment Standard |
|------------|--|------------------------|---------------------|
| Efficiency | 25% | 1 person | \$490 |
| 1 bedroom | 25% | 1 person | \$520 |
| 2 bedroom | 20% | 2 persons | \$620 |
| 3 bedroom | 15% | 4 persons | \$710 |
| 4 bedroom | 10% | 6 persons | \$790 |

When a property doesn't have 1BRs, i.e. none were built, single persons can rent 2BRs calculated at the 25% income rate. If the property has 1BRs, but they are full, single persons will be added to the Targeted Unit waitlist



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Key Assistance Payment Standard

- Key Payment Standards were increased statewide for all properties with Base Payment Standard effective January 1, 2019
- NCHFA rent increase approval process does not increase the Key Payment Standard





Verifying Key Rental Assistance Eligibility



- Target Referral Letter Is it signed and completed?
- Minimum of \$300 income per month
- Disability Source of Income (minimum \$1 per month)
 - Must be state or federal (SSI, SSDI, VA).
- Household income cannot exceed State Mandated 50% AMI
- Household size meets required bedroom size standard which is now noted on referral letter



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Requesting Key Rental Assistance Log In Username Password: ☐ Keep me logged in Log In North Carolina Housing Finance Agency

On a monthly basis:

- 1. Log into RCRS
- 2. To request funds for a specific property, click on "Rental
 - Assistance" beside the property name in the **Property List**
 - To request funds for all properties managed by the company, click
 - on "Rental Assistance" at the top of home screen
- 3. Review for accuracy before clicking "Submit"
- 4. Requests will be approved and submitted for payment every Wednesday for payment the following Tuesday but no later than thirty from request

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Entering New Move-ins into RCRS



On a daily basis:

- 1. Log into RCRS
- 2. Go to the Property List, Select the Property, Click on "Buildings" in the menu
- 3. Select the appropriate building/unit
- 4. Click "Add Unit Event"
- 5. Enter Tenants, Income and Assets.
- 6. Key Assistance and Tenant Rent will calculate automatically
- 7. Before marking "complete", upload tenant file documents by clicking on "Documents" inside the unit event

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Move-in Required Documents <u>Uploaded at move in:</u>

- ✓ Targeting Program Letter of Referral
- √ Waiver letter (if applicable)
- ✓ Rental Application
- ✓ All verification forms and file documentation
- √ Tenant Income Certification
- ✓ Rent and Subsidy Calculation Worksheet

- √ HOME Calculation

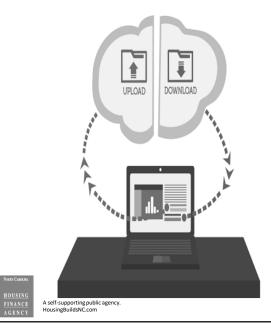
 Worksheet (if applicable)
- ✓ All pages of lease
- √ Key Lease Addendum
- ✓ Supplemental Information Form
- √ Tax Credit Lease Addendum
- √ HOME Lease Addendum (if applicable)



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Recertification Required Documents



Uploaded at recertification:

- ✓ Recertification Questionnaire
- ✓ All Verification Forms and file documentation
- ✓ Tenant Income Certification
- ✓ Rent and Subsidy Calculation Worksheet, updated to reflect new Key payment
- √ HOME Calculation Worksheet (if applicable)
- √ Key Lease Addendum
- ✓ If a waiver letter is in the file, contact DHHS for updated letter if needed



Increase in Household Income

Targeting Program Guidelines:

 Tenant income and rent share must be calculated annually. The resulting amount will be included in the lease or Key Lease Addendum. Income increases above 50% AMI does not impact Eligibility. Tenants rent share simply increases proportionate to the increase in income.

Exceeding Key Payment Standard

If increase results in tenant share exceeding Key payment standards, property management will continue to calculate tenant rent share using the Key formula until household is at the standard rent associated with the Housing Credit income targeting level for the particular unit.

Compliance Tip: Adhere to any additional funding rules as it pertains to Housing Credit income limits.



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Key Payments



- All files receiving Key Assistance must be submitted within 30 days of unit event.
- Files will be processed within 30 days of receipt.
- Returned files delay process and starts the clock over.
- Timeline Example
 - Move ins must be uploaded within 30 days of event.
 - Example Move in Occurs 11/1/19 must be entered/uploaded by 12/1/19.
 - Recertification must be started 120 prior to effective date.
 - Example Recertification due 8/1/19, paperwork should be started 4/1/19.

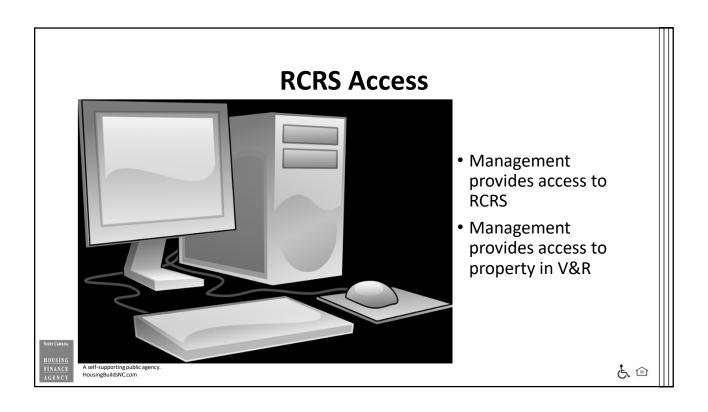
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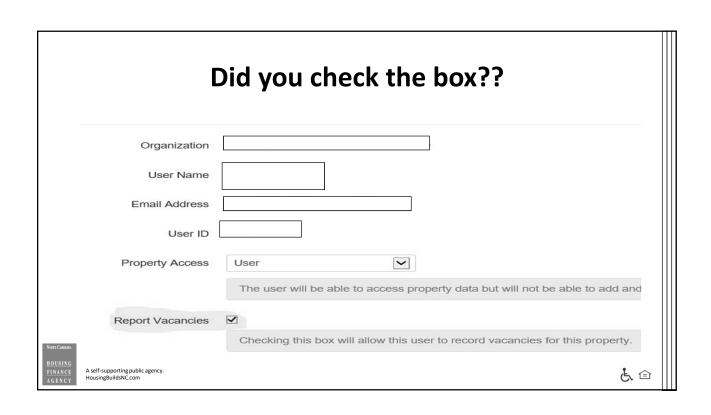
Key Rental Assistance Contacts

Find Key Rental Assistance policies, forms, etc. at: www.nchfa.com/rental/mforms.aspx.

| Need help with | Contact |
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| Key Rental Assistance set up | Sandy Harris at ssharris@nchfa.com |
| File process, Key Rental Assistance billing or payment | Louise Gardner at rlgardner@nchfa.com |
| Targeting Unit Agreements | Sandy Harris at ssharris@nchfa.com |
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What happens now?



Management must enter vacancy in order to receive a referral



All vacant units must be reported, including market units



Enter vacancy as soon as you are notified

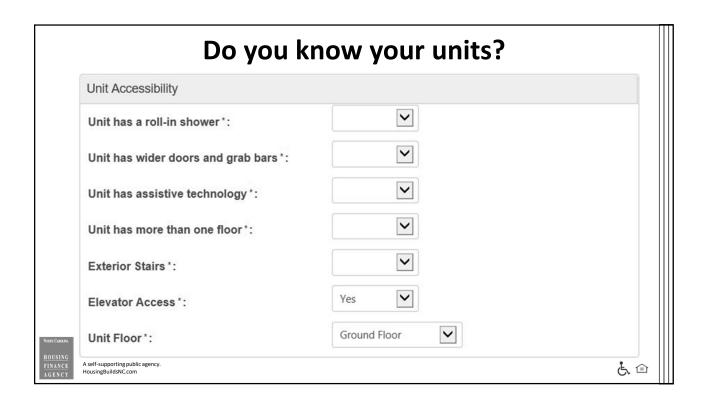


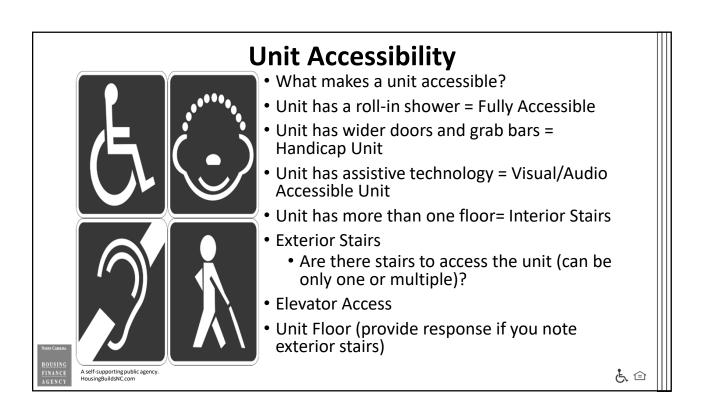
Vacancies

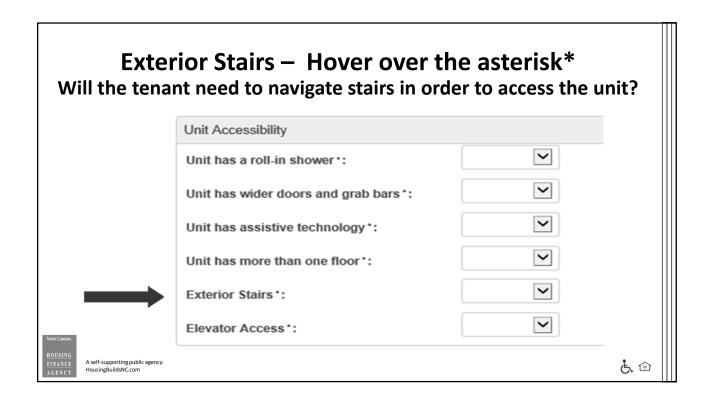


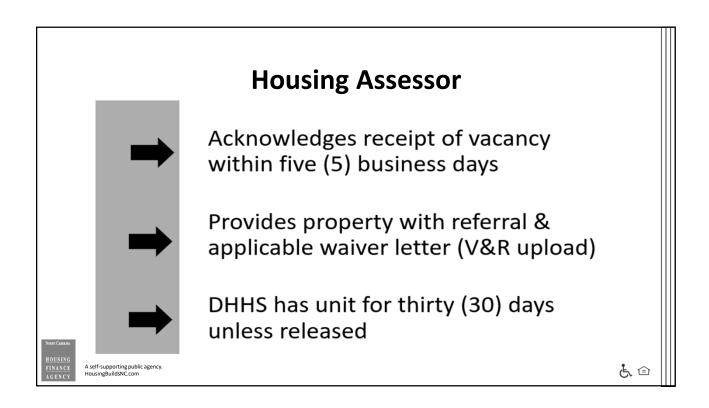
- For new properties, reach out to DHHS to determine which units to enter. For example, you have 85 units but you will not enter all 85 units in V&R. DHHS will ask you to enter an assortment of your various bedroom sizes. Typically, they have a greater need for one bedrooms vs. three bedrooms.
- All vacancies must be entered at turnover, regardless of whether you have met your targeting requirement.
- ISHP Properties Communicate with LME/MCO and DHHS as it relates to which vacancies to enter in V&R.



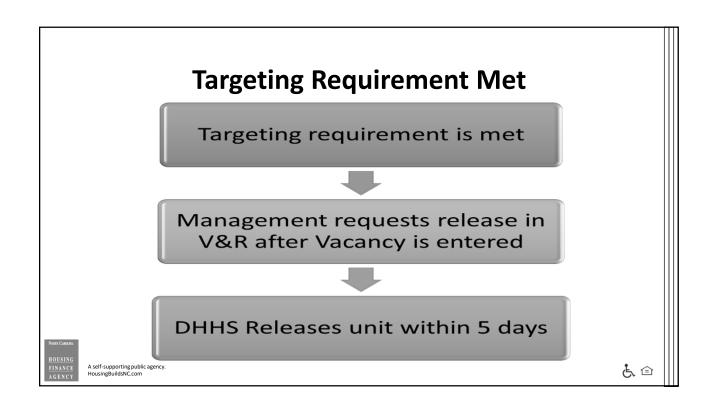


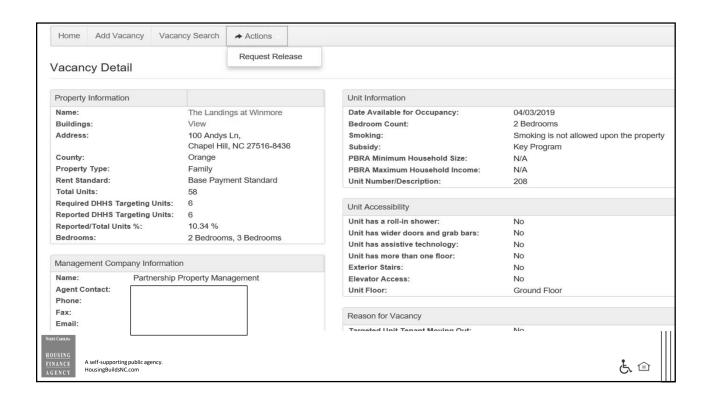


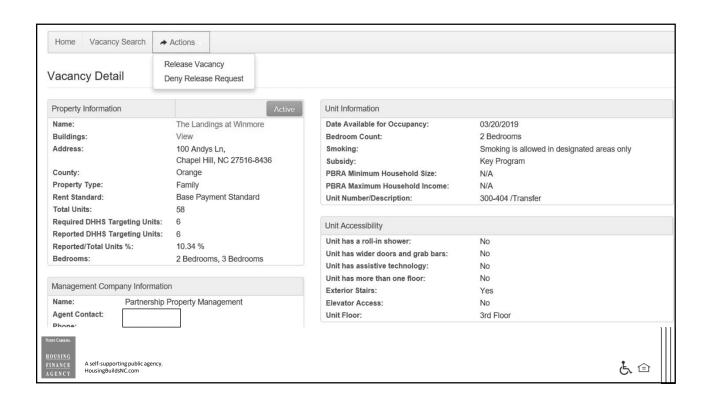












Pending Contact



- Referral should contact property within five (5) days
- DHHS still has access to the unit if the referral does not respond



No-Shows

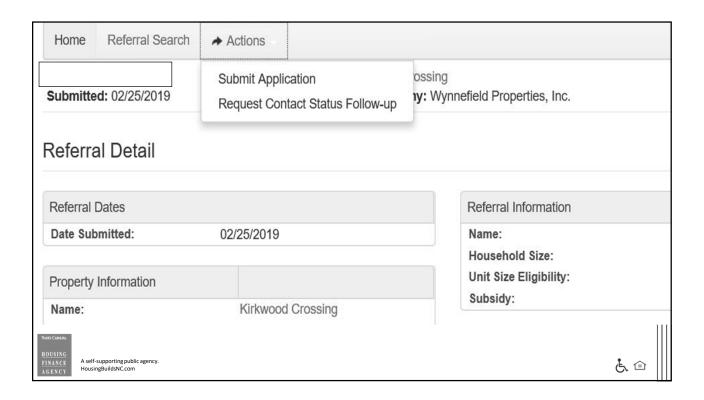


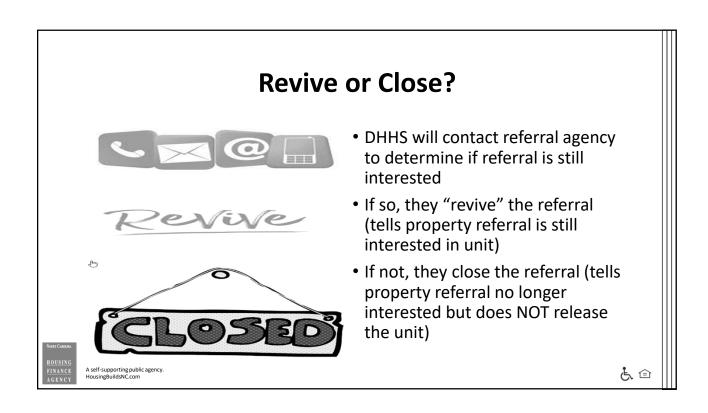
- Management notifies DHHS of contact status
- Update V&R with contact status after five (5) days

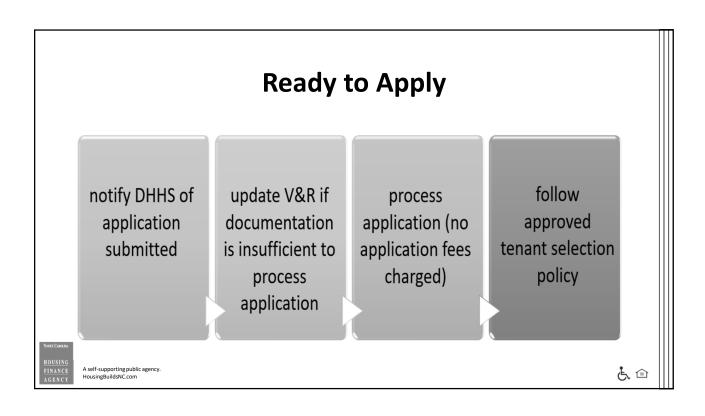


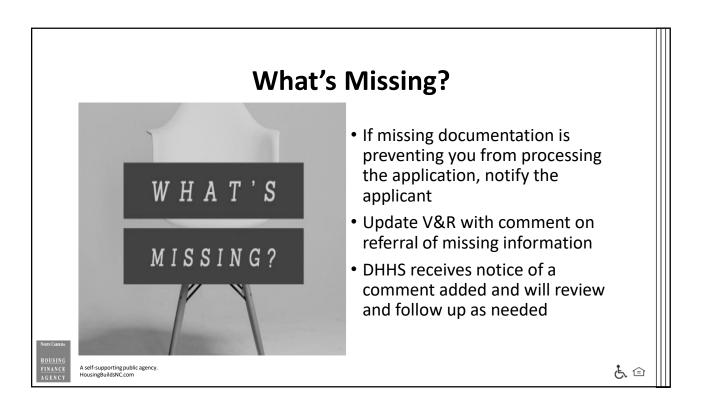
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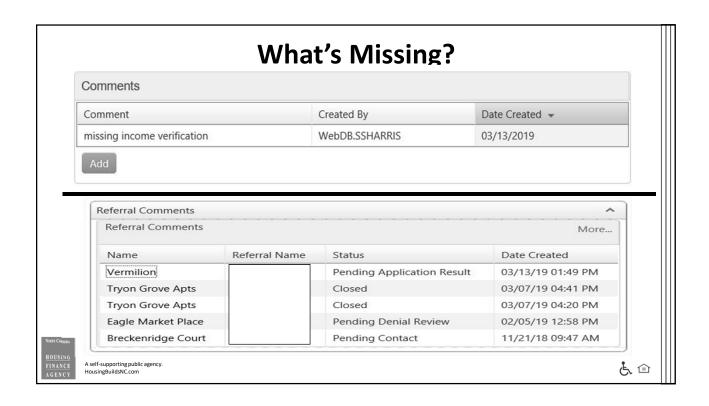




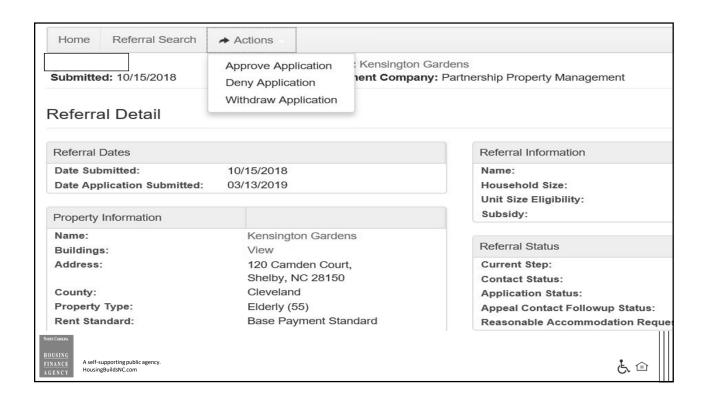


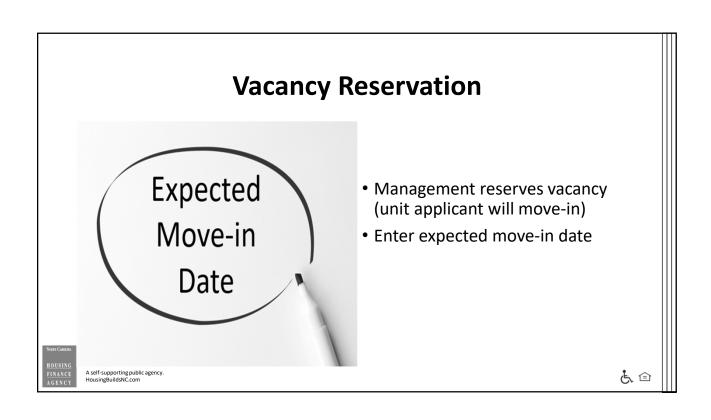


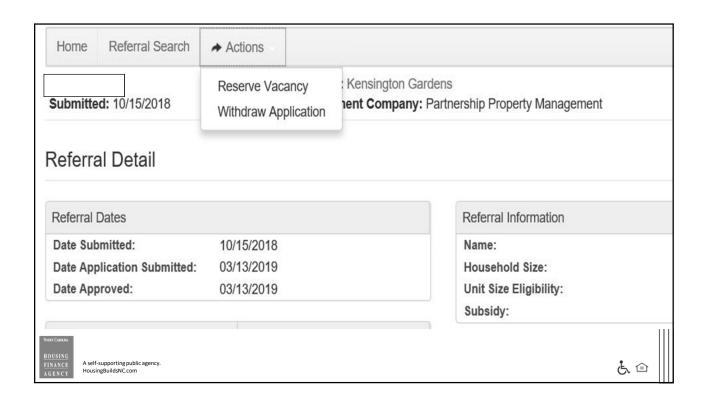


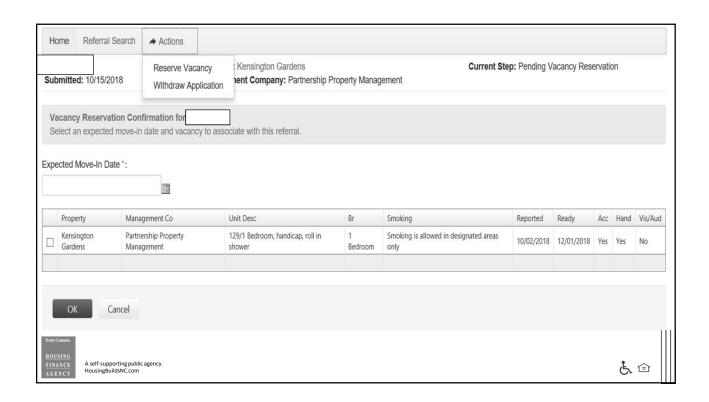










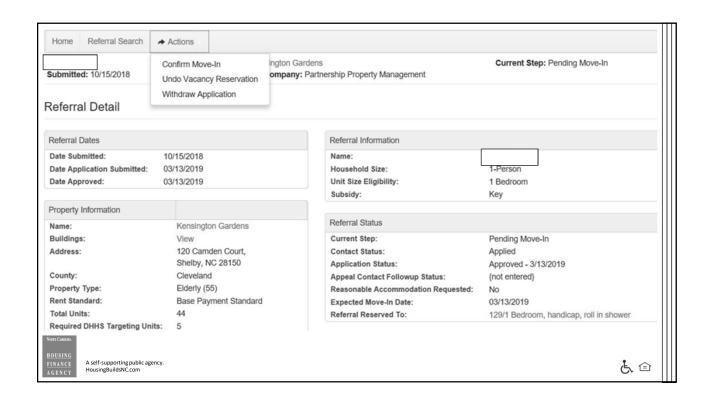


They Changed Their Mind



- Management updates V&R (undo reservation)
- Choose another vacant unit
 Or-
- Withdraw application

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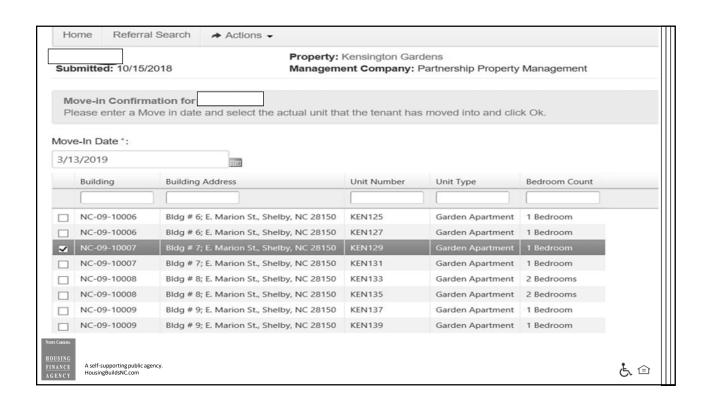


Move-in Day



- Applicant signs lease and other documents
- Management confirms move-in date in V&R
- <u>Compliance Tip:</u> Move-in must also be reported in RCRS.

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- Referral letter shows bedroom size household is eligible to lease
- Update V&R as activity takes place – do not wait until the end to do everything
- Notify Housing Assessor/NCHFA with any questions before you sign the lease



Contacts for Questions

| Need help with | Contact |
|--------------------------|---|
| Payment/file issues | Louise Gardner at rlgardner@nchfa.com |
| How to use V&R | Wanda Teel (DHHS) at wanda.teel@dhhs.nc.gov |
| Technical Issue with V&R | Sandy Harris at ssharris@nchfa.com |

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