Preregistration Tab

Completing the **Preregistration** screen helps to determine if you are eligible to receive rental assistance. All fields are required. Complete each question, then click **Check Eligibility**. If you qualify for rent relief, you will automatically be directed to complete the next steps in the application. *Note depending on your specific agency, your screen may differ in content from this help center.*

Tenant Application - Registration Screen Reference

Tenant Application Eligibility Pre-check	
* Indicates required fields	
Are you renting your primary residence? * ① You must have a valid lease or rental agreement for eligibility.	Preferred Language*
○ Yes ○ No	Select your geographical area*
Are you receiving Section-8 or Rural Development rental assistance? *	③ Select your County or other geographical area. If you do not know your geographical area, please contact (800) 101-4545 before proceeding with your application.
Are you currently living in public housing? *	~
Yes No	Number of People in Household *
Has your household experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19? * ① Total household income decrease could be due to a layoff, reduction in hours or loss of business. The cause must be related to the COVID-19 pandemic.	① The number of people in your household includes all adults listed on your lease, any children living in the rental and any Foster adults or children.
Yes No	Current Total Monthly Gross Household Income *
Has your household experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19? * ① A hardship includes any significant costs or other financial hardship	① Enter the total of all household income sources, including but not limited to: wages, business income, social security or pensions, interest on savings accounts, TANF (welfare), unemployment benefits and any other periodic payments or gifts from any source.
incurred due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19	\$0.00
○ Yes ○ No	% of Area Median Income
Do you or any member of your household qualify for unemployment? * ① Does anyone in your household qualify for unemployment benefits?	0
	Check Eligibility

Left Column

Are you renting your primary residence?	Select Yes or No to indicate if you are renting your primary residence. You must have a valid lease or rental agreement to be eligible for rental assistance.
Are you receiving Section-8 or Rural Development rental assistance?	Section 8 is a common name for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Applicants who currently receive Section-8 may still be eligible for Rent Relief assistance.
Are you currently living in public housing?	Select Yes if you currently live in a public housing property. While Section 8 deals with private housing, public housing consists of entire developments of government-sponsored dwellings. Applicants who currently live in a PHA development may still be eligible for Rent Relief assistance.
Has your household experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19?	Selecting No to this question will not automatically disqualify you from eligibility. However, if you select Yes you will need to provide documentation of this loss. Income is defined as all income that one receives from any source. This may include employment wages, alimony payments, pension payments, Social Security Disability Income, Social Security Income, gifts, and payments from annuities and IRAs. An exception exists for Covid-19 stimulus checks, which do not count as income, and therefore, have no impact.
Has your Household experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19?	A hardship includes any significant costs or other financial hardship incurred due directly or indirectly to COVID-19. You must have clear documentation that links your hardship to COVID-19. An example might be school closure for virtual learning.
Is your household experiencing housing instability?	The Rent Relief assistance program is centered around helping renters maintain housing stability. If this is an issue that you do not currently face, then it is unlikely that you would be eligible for this program.
Do you or any member of your household qualify for unemployment benefits?	Select Yes if you have filed for unemployment benefits and have been approved, regardless of whether your first distribution has been received.
Right Column	
Preferred Language	If you speak a language that is not included in this list, please contact your landlord or county of residence for assistance with the application process.
County of Primary Residence	If your county of primary residence is not listed, this county may not qualify for federally released Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA). Please contact your local city or county for more information on how to apply for additional funding in your jurisdiction.
Number of People in Household	The number of people in your household includes all adults listed on your lease, any children living in the rental, and any Foster adults or children.

Current Total Monthly Gross Household Income	Include the current income of all adult household members. Income is defined as all income that one receives from any source. This may include employment wages, alimony payments, pension payments, Social Security Disability Income, Social Security Income, gifts, and payments from annuities and IRAs. An exception exists for Covid-19 stimulus checks, which do not count as income, and therefore, have no impact.
	If you have no income, you will be asked to download, fillout, and upload the Zero Attestation Document in the Income section.
% of Area Median Income	This field will auto-populate based on the county that you choose.

Address Tab

On the **Address** screen, you can provide your current physical address information and your mailing address information.

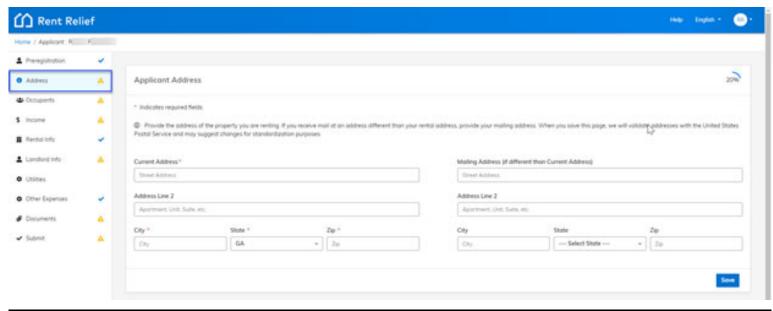


You are only required to enter a mailing address if it differs from your current address.

When you're finished completing the required fields, click **Save**. After the screen refreshes, click **Next** to advance to the next step in the Applicant workflow.

For more information about the fields on the **Address** screen, see the **Address Screen Reference** section below.

Address Screen Reference



Current Address	Your current physical street address. Note A P.O. Box is not a valid entry for this field.
Address Line 2	If you have a distinguishing apartment, building, or suite number that is a part of your current address, enter that information in this field.
City, State, and Zip Code	Provide the city, state, and zip code for your physical address.
Mailing Address	Provide the address of where you receive your mail. Note If your mailing address is the same as your current address, you do not need to complete the mailing address fields.

Address Line 2	If you have a distinguishing apartment, building, or suite number that is a part of your mailing address, enter that information in this field.
City, State, and Zip Code	In each corresponding field, provide the city, state, and zip code for your mailing address.

Occupants Tab

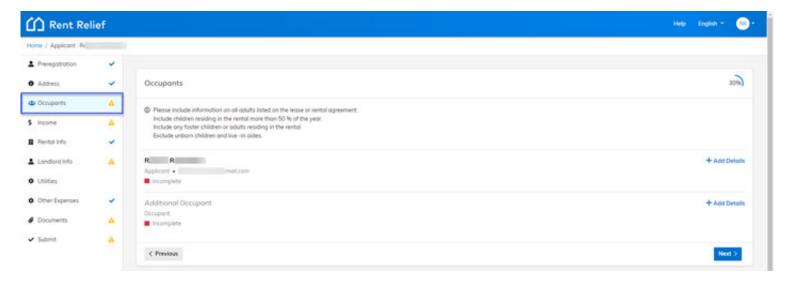
On the **Occupants** screen, a section for each occupant appears based on the number you entered in the **Number of People in**

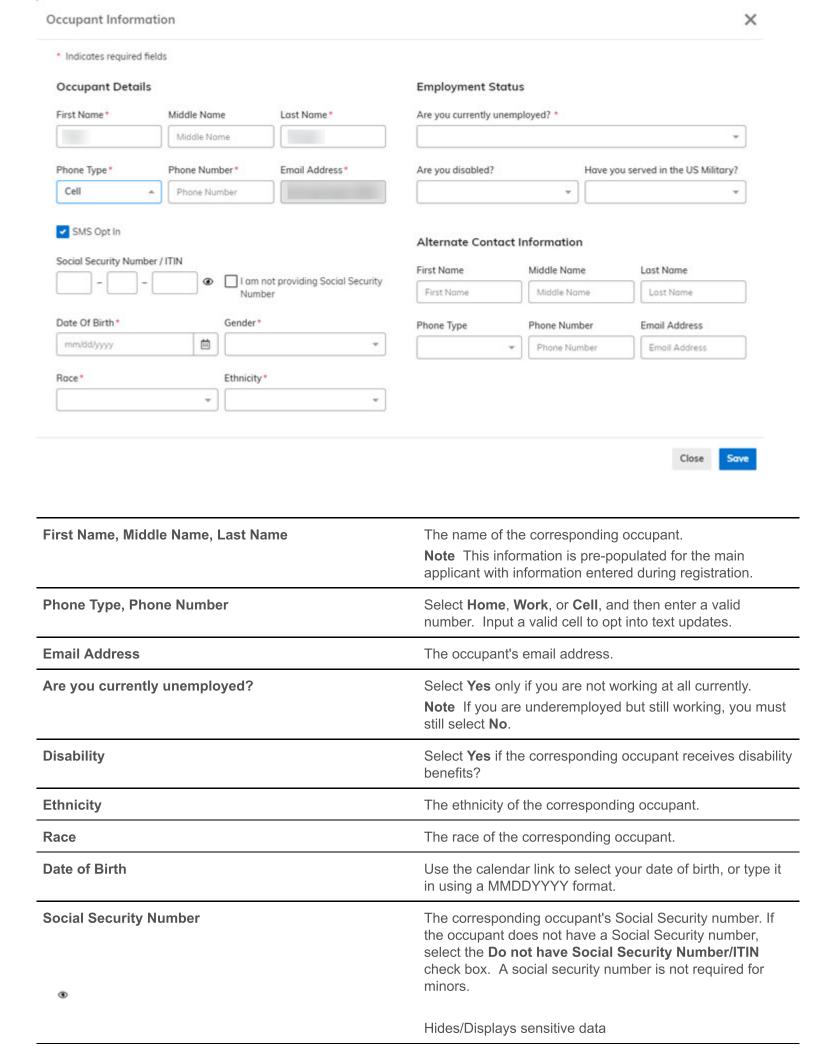
Household field during preregistration. The name of the primary applicant appears in the **Applicant** section. The section for each additional member of the household appears in the **Occupant** section(s).



Click **+Add details** to reveal the fields you must complete for each occupant. When you are finished completing all required fields in the section, click **Save**.

Applicant/Occupant Field Descriptions





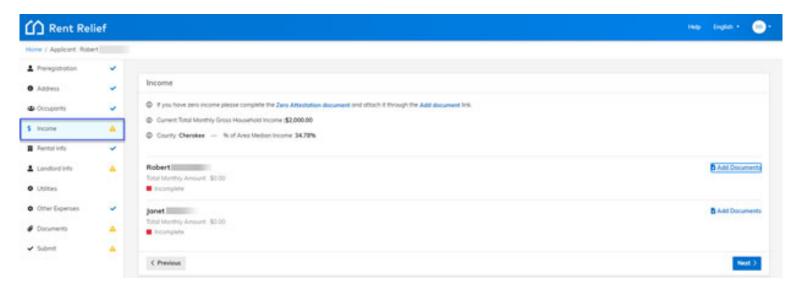
Income Tab

The **Income** screen requires you to enter and document all sources of income for each occupant of the household.

To complete this step, you will need supporting documentation for each type of income you and the additional occupants receive. It is recommended that you have the following applicable documents ready to upload:

- Employment: Pay Stub or Self Certification
- Unemployment, Assistance, Pension, SSI: Benefit Letter/Eligibility Letter/Check Stubs
- Receiving Child Support & Alimony: Divorce Decree/Court Order/ Paystub or Deposited check

At the top of the **Income** screen, Rent Relief displays the income amount that you entered in the **Current Total Monthly Gross Household Income** field during preregistration.

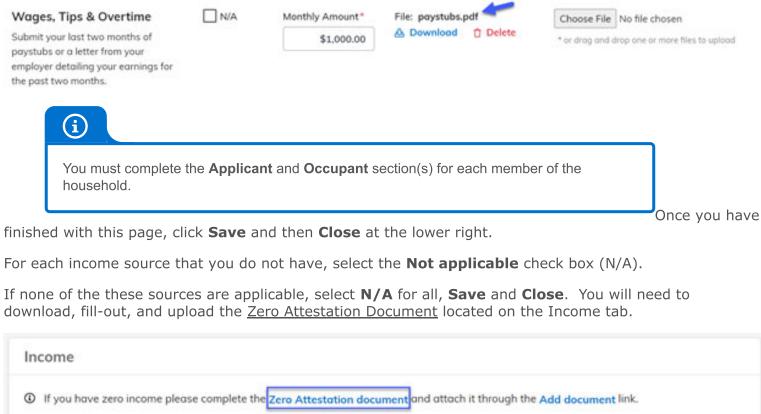


Click **Add Documents** next to each household member to complete details. This screen will display:

Income: Robert					x
income that does not match the listed inc	Tell us about all sources of income for the household. All amounts should be monthly. If you do not have a type of income, check the "N/A" checkbox. If you have income that does not match the listed income types, enter it on the "Other Income" line.				
Select N/A wherever not applicable Allowed file types: pdf,jpg,jpeg.png.tif	Select N/A wherever not applicable				
Wages, Tips & Overtime Submit your last two months of paystubs or a letter from your employer detailing your earnings for the past two months.	□ N/A	\$0.00 Document required.		se File No file chosen ag and drop one or more files to upload	
Unemployment Submit two months of payment information; a benefit letter, bank statements, or other supporting documentation.	□ N/A	\$0.00 Document required.		ise File No file chosen og and drop one or more files to uplood	
Government Assistance Submit two months of payment information; a benefit letter, bank statements, or other supporting documentation.	□ N/A	\$0.00 Document required.		ise File No file chosen ag and drop one or more files to upload	
Child Support and Alimony Submit a divorce decree or court order showing your award amount, a statement from child supportive services, copies of deposited checks, bank statements or other supporting documentation.	□ N/A	\$0.00 Document required.		ise File No file chosen ag and drop one or more files to uplood	
Pension/Social Security Submit your benefit letter from the Social Security Administration, a pension statement, bank statements or other supporting documentation.	□ N/A	\$0.00 Document required.		ise File No file chosen og and drop one or more files to uplood	
Other Income Submit documentation for all sources of income you receive on an ongoing basis. Do not include one-time gifts. If you do not have documentation, submit a signed statement that includes the date, source, amount, and frequency of the income. Include contact information for the income provider.	□ N/A	\$0.00 Document required.		se File No file chosen og and drop one or more files to uplood	
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Find the type of income that matches your documented income.

Enter the monthly gross amount received in the box and upload copies of your supporting documents by clicking **Choose File**. In your computer's file management system, locate and select the file that you want to use as the supporting documentation for this income source. Click **Open**. You will now notice a link to your selected file on the screen.



If you have zero income please complete the Zero Attestation document and attach it through the Add document link. Current Total Monthly Gross Household Income :\$2,000.00 County: Cherokee — % of Area Median Income: 39.74%

Income Source Descriptions

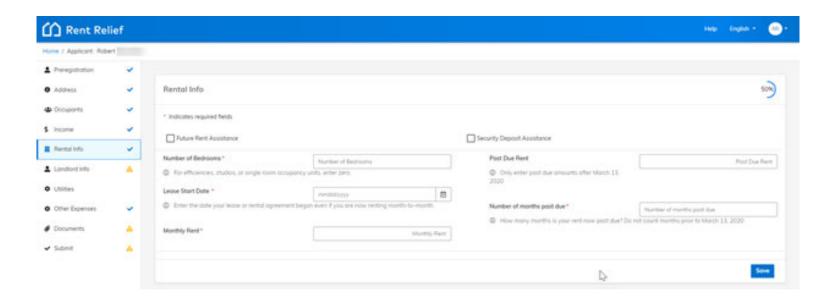
Wages	If you receive any of your income from employment wages, tips, or overtime, indicate the amount you earn from this source on average, per month, and before any taxes or other deductions are taken. This would be your gross monthly income from wages. Proof of this income source must be uploaded by clicking the Choose File button. If you do not receive any income from wages, then select the Not Applicable check box.
Unemployment	If you receive any of your income from Unemployment, indicate the amount you receive from this source per month, and before any taxes or other deductions are taken. Proof of this income source must be uploaded by clicking the Choose File button. If you do not receive any income from unemployment, then select the Not Applicable check box.
Government Assistance	Indicate any amount of income that comes from a government assistance program (examples include but are not limited to TANF, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or SSI, Supplemental Security Income). Proof of this income source must be uploaded by clicking the Choose File button. If you do not receive government assistance, then select the Not Applicable check box.

Child Support and Alimony	Indicate any amount of the occupant's income that comes from child support or alimony from a divorce. Upload any supporting documentation you have for this income source. If you do not receive child support or alimony, then select the Not Applicable check box.
Pension/Social Security	Indicate any amount of this occupant's income that comes from a pension or Social Security. Documentation will need to be uploaded to this page. If you do not receive funds from a pension or from Social Security, then select the Not Applicable check box
Other Income	Enter any remaining income in this line item. You will need to provide documentation of this income source to this line item. If you do not receive income from a source defined as Other , then select the Not Applicable check box.

Rental Info Tab

On the **Rental Info** screen, you can provide details about your lease agreement, along with any information regarding past due amounts owed since March 13, 2020.

All fields on this screen are required. When the screen is complete, click **Save**, and then click **Next** to advance to the next step in the Applicant workflow. For descriptions of each field, see the **Rental Info Screen Reference** section below.



Rental Info Screen Reference

Number of Bedrooms	The bedroom count for your unit. A value of zero can be indicated if you are leasing a studio, efficiency, or single room occupancy unit.
Lease Start Date	This is generally the same day as your official move-in day. This date is listed in your lease document.
Monthly Rent	Your monthly rent amount.
Past Due Rent	Only enter the amount in rent that is currently past due and dating back no further than March 12, 2020. Do not include the current month in 'Past Due Rent' amount.
Number of months past due	Enter the number of months that you are past due as of today.

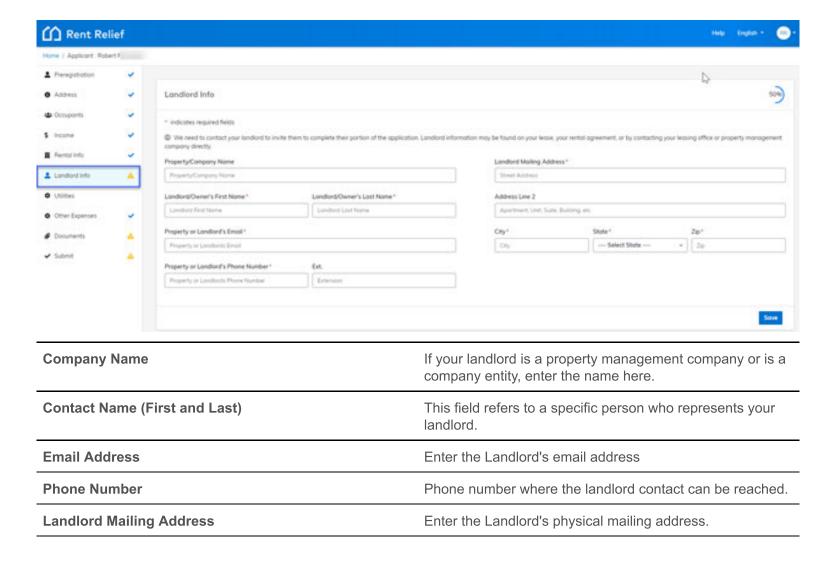
Landlord Info Tab

The **Landlord Info** screen requires you to provide details about your landlord or a contact representing your landlord, including their name, address, email, and phone number. It is recommended that you refer to your lease agreement document if you do not readily know this information.

Complete the required fields on this screen as well as any additional fields as needed. For more information about the fields on the **Landlord Info** screen, see the **Landlord Info Screen Reference** section below.

When you're finished, click **Save**. Then, after the screen refreshes, click **Next** to advance to the next step in the Applicant workflow.

Landlord Info Screen Reference



Utilities Tab

Utilities are an area or expense that can be considered under the Rent Relief program. Please provide the information requested on the **Utilities** screen as it relates to any utility expenses that you currently paying for. Before completing this step, it is recommended that you have a utility bill showing past due balances and number of months past due saved to your computer and ready to upload for each utility that you want to add to Rent Relief.

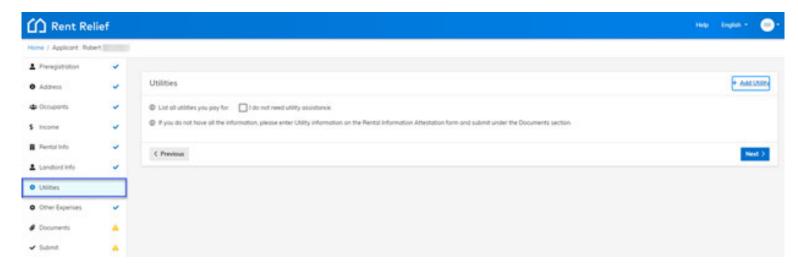
Then, on the **Utility** screen, complete the fields as needed. For descriptions of the different fields, see the **Utility Screen Reference** section below.

To upload a utility bill, click **Choose File**. In your computer's file management system, locate, select, and then open the copy of your saved utility bill.



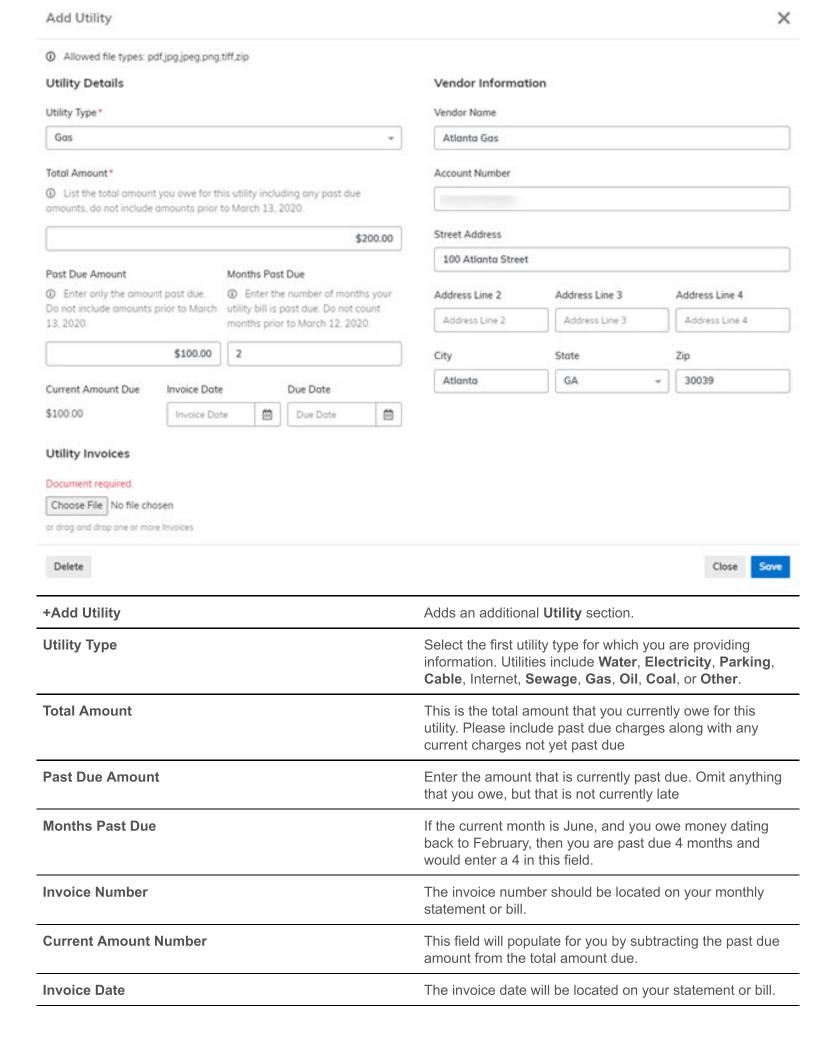
Rent Relief accepts the following file types: .pdf, .jpg, and .tiff.

After you've completed the necessary fields, click **Save**. If you need to add an additional utility, click **+Add Utility** and then complete and save the fields in the new **Utility** section.



When you're ready to advance to the next step of the Applicant workflow, click **Next**.

Utility Screen Reference



Vendor Name	This is the name of the company that your send your payments to for this utility. Examples might include City of New York Water Authority, or XYZ Gas Company
Account #	This is the account number assigned to you by the vendor that will appear on every monthly statement.
Address Fields	This will be the address of the vendor for this utility company.
Choose File	Opens your computer's file management system. Locate, select, and open the file you want to upload that represents your utility bill.
	Note Rent Relief accepts the following file types: .pdf, .jpg, . and .tiff.

Documents Tab

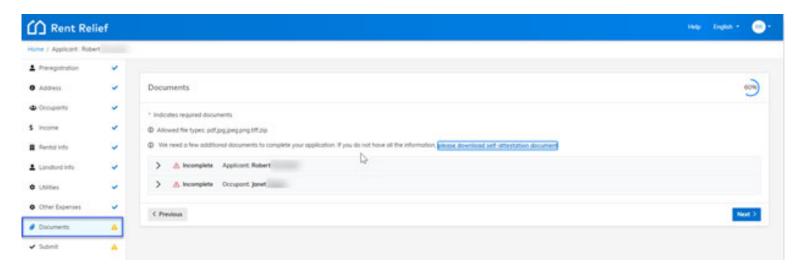
On the **Documents** screen, you can upload the final documentation required for each occupant of the household. In addition to photo

identification for each occupant in your household that has been added to your Rent Relief portal, it is recommended that you also have the following documents saved to your computer before beginning the upload process:

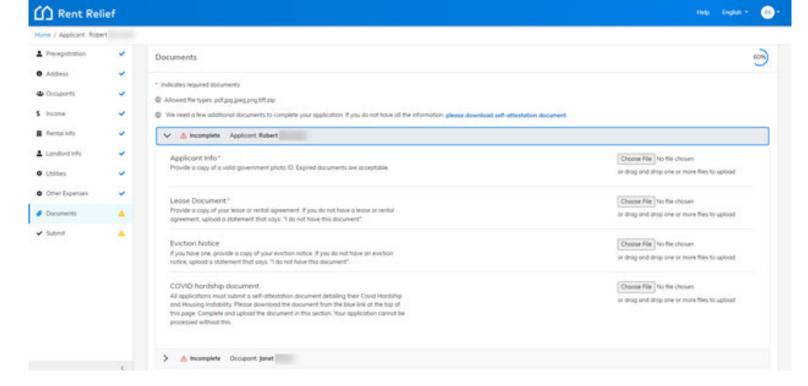
- Lease Document/Self Certification
- Past Due Rent Statement
- Eviction Notice

Rent Relief supports the following file types: .pdf, .jpg, jpeg and .tiff.

The **Documents** screen includes a section for the primary applicant as well as each additional household occupant. Initially, each tenant listed includes an **Incomplete** status. After all required documentation has been uploaded for a tenant, Rent Relief updates their status to Complete. To complete the **Tenant Documents** step in the Tenant Workflow, all tenants must include a **Complete** status.



To upload documents for a particular occupant, click the **Expand** button † in the **Applicant** or **Occupant** row to view the list of required documents.



For each document listed, click **Choose File**. In your computer's file management system, locate, select, and open the file that you want to provide as your documentation.



If you want to download the document, click the document name. If you want to delete the document, click the **Delete** button \Box .

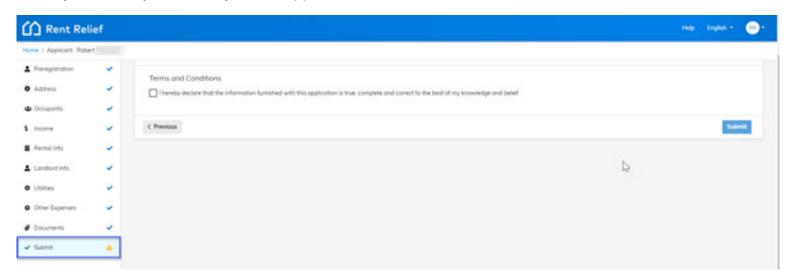
After you've uploaded the required documents for each applicant and occupant, click **Next** to advance to the next step in the Applicant workflow.

Submit Tab

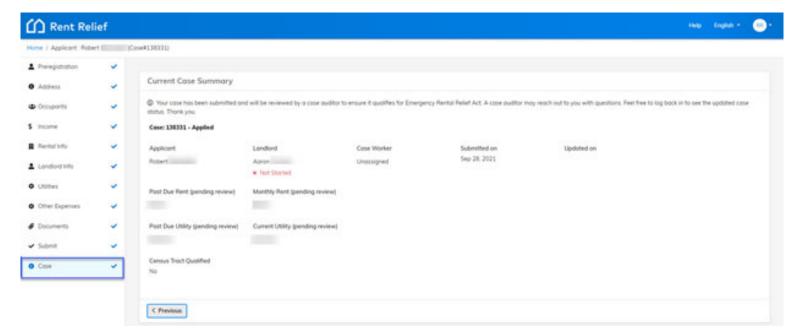
After you have completed each of the steps listed on the Rent Relief side menu, you can submit your information for further review and validation.

Before completing this final step of the Applicant workflow, make sure to review the information you've already entered to confirm that each previous step is accurate and complete. If a step listed on the side menu includes a **Warning** icon , you must return to that step and complete any pending or incomplete requests.

When you're ready to submit your full application, click **Submit** on the Rent Relief side menu.



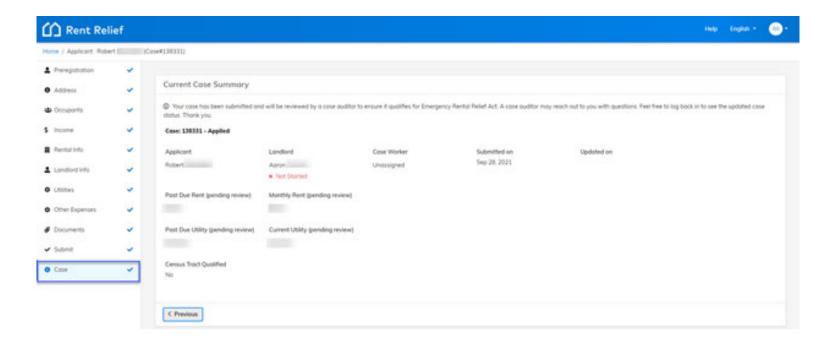
The **Review & Submit** screen requires you to declare that the information that you provided in this application is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge, belief, and ability. If this is a statement that you can agree with, and you are ready to submit this application, then select the check box next to the statement. Then, click **Submit**. The **Case Summary** screen appears.



If you feel that you may have missed something in the application, or that you have any additional documentation to provide that might help with the decision, you can use the side menu or click the **Previous** button to navigate back to a previous screen in the Applicant workflow.

Case Summary Tab

Once your application is fully submitted you will notice an additional tab to the left labeled 'Case'. This screen will display your case number and a summary of your application. Please make note of your case number. You will need this if you have specific issues regarding your case.



Recertify Using the Same Landlord

① If your landlord is the SAME as you original application, click Recertify (SAME Landlord).
If you have a NEW landlord, click Add New Case (New Landlord) to recertify with new landlord

+ Recertify (Current Landlord)

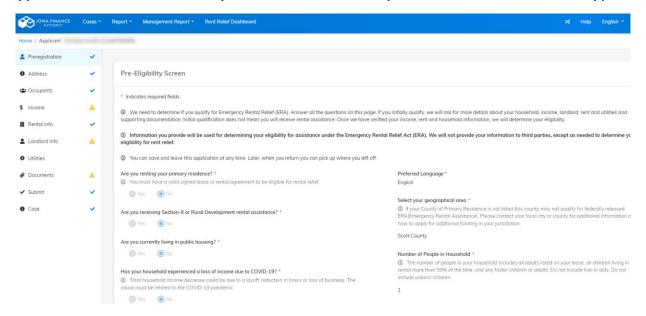
+ Add New Case (New Landlord)

- 1. Login to your original application.
- 2. On the "Case" tab, click "+Recertify (Current landlord)" This creates a new application that will be linked to your original application. If any information has changed, please edit that in your new application before you submit.
- 3. Update your income, upload new supporting documents as necessary.
- 4. Review the entire application to ensure all information is still accurate, true and correct. Once you submit, you will be given a new case number. Your landlord does NOT need to submit a new application. Their information will be gathered from their original application.
- 5. An auditor will review your file and reach out to you directly if they need any additional information.

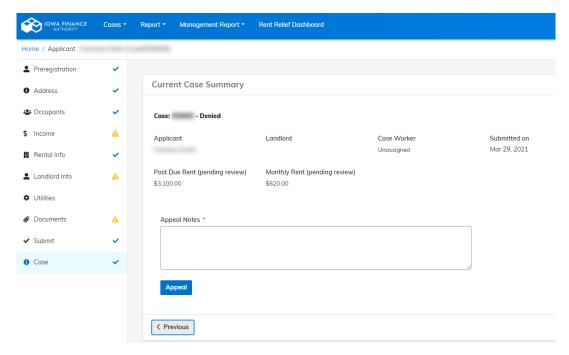
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Tenant Recertification and Appeal

- When a tenant logs into the portal, they will arrive on the pre-registration screen of their most recent application.
- If the case is in a status of approved, denied, denied-no appeal, paid, or any funding status then the
 application will be locked, and they will not be able to edit any information within the current application.



- If they want to add a new case, recertify, or appeal then they will go to the Case section of the application.
- If the case is in a status of "denied". Then they can appeal by adding their appeal notes and clicking the appeal button.
 - Any case that has been appealed will remain with the same case number as before and it will be labeled as "Appeal"



- If the case is in a status of "approved", "denied-no appeal", "paid", or any funding status then they will have the option to recertify or add a new case.
 - When a tenant clicks the Recertify button, the system will pull over a majority of the information from their previous application and the applicant will only need to provide verification for most info.
 - When a tenant clicks the Add New Case button, the system will only pull over basic information from the previous application. They will need to re-submit most of their info. This function allows for the applicant to change their landlord should that person have changed, or they entered it incorrectly on their previous application.
 - When either of these options are selected, the system will generate a new case number. This new case will be linked will be linked to all other cases that have been submitted by this applicant.

