



INFORMATION FOR DECLARATION

This is general legal information. It is not a substitute for legal advice.

Read the DECLARATION carefully.

If you do not understand it or if you do not agree with every statement, **do not sign it.**

If you are unsure about what it says, you should ask a trusted person for help.

Legal Aid provides free legal help to low-income persons and persons over 60.

The DECLARATION is sworn testimony, meaning that you can be prosecuted, go to jail, or pay a fine if you lie, mislead, or omit important information.

BACKGROUND

The Centers for Disease Control order declares a national moratorium on certain residential evictions for nonpayment of rent, as well as other fees or charges. The moratorium became effective on September 4, 2020 and lasts through January 31, 2021. The moratorium applies only to tenants who meet certain requirements and provide a signed form declaration (on the previous page) to their landlords.

To sign the declaration, a tenant must be able to meet certain financial criteria, be unable to pay full rent due to an income loss or “extraordinary” medical bills, have used best efforts to obtain governmental rent assistance, likely become homeless or forced to “live in close quarters” in another residence if evicted, and use best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as the individual’s circumstances permit.

YOU SHOULD KNOW...

- Every adult listed on the lease, rental agreement, or housing contract should complete their own declaration.
- Make at least one copy of the signed Declaration and keep it for your records.
- If you have an eviction hearing, take a copy to show the Judge.
- You must provide a copy of this declaration to your landlord or housing provider.
- You still owe rent during this moratorium, and you must follow all the other terms of your lease and rules of the place where you live.
- You may still be evicted for reasons other than not paying rent.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR RENT OR HOUSING

- Apply online for assistance at <https://okcommunitycares.org/apply/>
- Call 211 to find available resources rent or housing assistance in your area

Free legal help is available to low-income persons and persons over 60.

To apply, call Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma at 1-888-534-5243.

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