

# Understanding the National Eviction Moratorium

I lost my job and now I can't pay rent.

I lost my job too. I think a lot of people in our community are struggling to pay rent because of COVID-19.

Is it true that the federal government has stopped evictions?

The federal government did pass an eviction moratorium, but it isn't guaranteed. You have to submit a declaration form.

What do I need to do?

Sign and submit a declaration form to your landlord that says you meet certain requirements.

## To qualify, you must:

- ✓ Make less than \$99,000 or \$198,000 for families
- ✓ Be unable to pay rent due to loss of income
- ✓ Have applied for rent assistance but did not receive any
- ✓ Agree to make partial rent payments if possible
- ✓ Would be homeless or in overcrowded housing if evicted

Do I need to show any documentation of my income?

You don't have to submit proof with the declaration. But you should have it available in case your landlord challenges you.

Do I still owe rent not paid during the moratorium?

Yes. Pay whatever you can during the moratorium and afterwards you will owe any unpaid rent.

So what should I do with the form?

Sign and submit a declaration form to your landlord. If there is more than one adult in your household, each person will have to submit their own form.

## How to submit the declaration:

- ✓ Carefully read to see if you qualify
- ✓ Sign the declaration
- ✓ Email your landlord or send by certified mail
- ✓ Keep a copy or a picture for your records
- ✓ **Each adult** in your household needs to submit their own form

Make sure all items are true. The declaration is a legal document. If you submit false information, you could be at risk of penalty.

For additional resources, visit:

- [Translated Factsheet and Declaration](#)
- [www.nationalcapacd.org](http://www.nationalcapacd.org)
- [www.nhlp.org](http://www.nhlp.org)





# What Are My Rights?

Do I need to be a U.S. citizen? Will it affect my ability to apply for citizenship?

No, all people are eligible regardless of immigration status. It should not impact your ability to apply for citizenship. You should talk with an attorney.

What if I don't have a lease? Am I still eligible?

Yes.

If my city or state has its own moratorium is it still in effect?

If your local moratorium is stronger, that is still in effect. For an up-to-date list of local moratoriums see this [list](#) of state moratoriums.

What if my landlord locks me out of the apartment after I give them the declaration?

That would be a violation of the CDC eviction order. You should seek legal assistance to report your landlord.

A friend of mine is already in court for an eviction, does this stop that?

Tell them to submit a declaration right away to keep them from being evicted and seek legal aid.

I'm scared my landlord won't follow the rules and will try to evict me anyway.

You should contact a local nonprofit organization or legal aid right away.

## Know Your Rights

- ✓ Your landlord cannot lock you out of your apartment
- ✓ If you are at risk of eviction contact an attorney
- ✓ For a list of legal service providers visit: <https://bit.ly/2xNyL6M>
- ✓ For a list of tenant associations visit: <https://bit.ly/2WJb5Kk>
- ✓ For a list of local bar associations visit: <https://bit.ly/2KnFOpt>

Thanks for your help!

No problem. As tenants we have to unite and help each other!

Tenants unite!

When tenants work together we have more power!

To learn more about forming a tenants' association in your building visit [aapineighborhoods.org](http://aapineighborhoods.org).