

# Declaration of COVID-19 Related Financial Distress

Compliant with Section 20 of the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020, AB 3088



I, \_\_\_\_\_, state and declare as follows:  
(Name)

I am a tenant at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, California.  
(Home address) (City)

I am currently unable to pay my rent or other financial obligations under the lease in full because of one or more of the following:

1. Loss of income caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Increased out-of-pocket expenses directly related to performing essential work during the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Increased expenses directly related to health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Childcare responsibilities or responsibilities to care for an elderly, disabled, or sick family member directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic that limit my ability to earn income.
5. Increased costs for childcare or attending to an elderly, disabled, or sick family member directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. Other circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic that have reduced my income or increased my expenses.

Any public assistance, including unemployment insurance, pandemic unemployment assistance, state disability insurance (SDI), or paid family leave, that I have received since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic does not fully make up for my loss of income and/or increased expenses.

Signed under penalty of perjury:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Tenant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Deadline to return this form.** Tenants who received a 15-day Notice to Pay Rent or Quit and are unable to pay rent due to financial distress because of the COVID-19 pandemic must return this form to their landlord within 15 days of receiving the Notice to Pay or Quit. After completing and signing this form, tenants should make a copy and keep it for their records.

**Sending instructions.** This declaration must be sent to the landlord's address listed on the 15-day Notice to Pay Rent or Quit. If an email address is listed on the 15-day Notice, the form may also be sent via email. Tenants should keep proof of mailing. Certified mail is recommended, although not required by law.

**Proof of financial distress.** Tenants are not required to provide proof of financial distress with this form if their annual household income is not: (a) \$100,000 or more; and (b) at or above 130% of median income in their county.

**The above information is not legal advice.** If you have received a 15-day Notice to Pay Rent or Quit or any other type of eviction notice you should contact a tenant attorney in your area.

# Landlord Acknowledgment of Receipt of Declaration of COVID-19 Related Financial Distress

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge receipt of the attached Declaration  
(Print name of landlord or representative)  
of COVID-19 Related Financial Distress for \_\_\_\_\_, tenant at \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Tenant Name) (Address)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of landlord or representative)

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Tenants can send this acknowledgment form to their landlord along with the Declaration of COVID-19 Related Financial Distress. This form is intended for a landlord or landlord's representative to sign and send back to the tenant.