

PROGRAM BULLETIN #15-2702

TO: Developers, Owners and Management Agents representing Owner's interest in Housing Tax Credit Developments √. > C
FROM: Robert D. Collier, Senior Vice President of Program Compliance
DATE: February 27, 2015
SUBJECT: 2015 Housing Tax Credit Compliance Monitoring Requirements Updates

Attached please find information regarding changes affecting the Housing Tax Credit (HTC) Compliance Monitoring Program during the 2015 calendar year. The attached information was presented at our 2015 Affordable Housing Conference held recently on February 23-25th in Natchez, Mississippi. The information noted on the document entitled "Mississippi Home Corporation's 2015 Housing Tax Credit Compliance Monitoring Plan Summary of Updates" is being forwarded to HTC developers, owners and management agents. Due to the important nature of the materials' content, we are forwarding to you a copy of the updated changes. All of the changes noted therein are outlined in detail in our 2015 Compliance Monitoring Plan. Please note that the policies and procedures noted in release of the **Compliance Monitoring Plan is effective April 1, 2015**. A copy of the updated Compliance Monitoring Plan can be downloaded from our website at www.mshc.com.

In addition, for your review, find attached the 2015Compliance Planner, which includes our training schedule. Our training classes are designed to assist you with HTC "Fundamentals," as well as maintaining compliance on a host of other HTC requirements. Hopefully this schedule will meet most, if not all, of your individual training needs. Please note the date and times listed therein are subject to change.

Upon your review of the attached information, should you have any questions, please contact the Compliance Monitoring Division at 601-718-4642 or compliance.htc@mshc.com.

Enclosures: 2015 HTC CMP Summary of Updates Tenant Income Certification Form Live-in Aide/ Disability Verification Form 2015 Compliance Planner 2015 Territory Map

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2015 HTC COMPLIANCE MONITORING PLAN Summary Of Updates, *Effective April 1, 2015*

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Included in this publication is a summary of major changes and/or examples to the HTC Compliance Monitoring Plan. Minor updates, additions, clarifications, grammatical errors have not been identified in this summary.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING STAFF

New staff members added:

Terrintha McClellan Compliance Officer

Robin Kennedy Compliance Assistant

CHAPTER 3: STATE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Deeper Income Targeting, page 38

Household qualified at 30% of AMGI will be allowed an increase in income to 40% of AMGI at recertification before having to change the unit designation.

Housing for Persons with Disabilities, page 39

Household must include one or more persons that have a mental or physical disability. Owners must document the file with the *Demographic Profile Reporting* form or other similar form which allows applicant to certify to his/her disability status. File must include the *Disability/Live-in Aide Verification* form. Instead of the verification form, applicant may provide Social Security, Supplemental Security Income or other benefit letter which documents the applicant's disability.

Housing for Veterans, page 40

Household must include one or more persons that are eligible for Veteran benefits as documented by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. Documents from the VA must be in the file.

30 Days Good Faith Marketing

Upon vacancy of a special needs household (i.e. housing for persons with disability or veterans) or loss of special needs designation, development must actively market the any vacancy for thirty days first to the special needs population. Owner must list vacant unit(s) on www. MSHousingSearch.org, notify the applicable public housing authority and notify the general public via general circulation advertisements. Marketing efforts and waiting lists must be documented and ready for review. After thirty days, the vacant unit may be leased to an otherwise qualified household. The 30 Days Good Faith Marketing efforts must be repeated with each vacant unit the special needs set aside has been fulfilled.

CHAPTER 4: DETERMINING & DOCUMENTING HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY

Non-Custodial Children

Policy revised to remove the requirement to document eligibility to be counted as part of the household size.

Foster Children/ Adults

Verbiage revised throughout the manual to remove reference to foster children/adults as not part of household members.

Reduction of Occupants, page 57

Language revised to align with IRS's 8823 guide. Policy revised to remove six months threshold.

CHAPTER 5: INCOME & ASSET DETERMINATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Methods of Verification, page 71

Policy revised to align with order of acceptability of income verifications listed in HUD Handbook 4350.3 Change 4. Order of acceptability is: 1) upfront-income verification; 2) written third party verification from source; 3) oral third party verification from the source and 4) family certification. **NOTE:** Family certifications are last resorts and approval must be acquired from MHC.

Check Stubs, page 73

Policy revised to change required number of check stubs from six to four when other third- party verification is not available.

Non-Employment Verification, page 76

Verbiage added to clarify that follow-up should be included in the file for income listed within the last four quarters of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security's wage summary report.

Regular Income Calculation Methodology, page 77

Verbiage revised regarding calculation of YTD income. Language modified from "count number of weeks from the date the YTD period starts to the end of the YTD period noted on the most current pay stub" to "count number of pay periods from the date the YTD period starts".

CHAPTER 8- POST YEAR 15 COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROCEDURES

Monitoring Procedure, page 121

Language revised regarding automatic recertification waiver for clarification. Specifically, noted automatic waiver is for 100% low-income projects.

CHAPTER 11: NONCOMPLIANCE PROCEDURES & CONSEQUENCES

Fees & Penalties, page 147

The following fee has been updated:

Other professional and legal costs- Amount to be determined on a case by case basis

FORMS

The following forms have been revised: Disability/ Live-in Aide Verification Tenant Income Certification

LIVE-IN AIDE/DISABILITY VERIFICATION

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTED BY TENANT TO: Date: Mode of Delivery: □ Mailed Date: □ Faxed Date: □ Hand Delivered* Date: RE: Applicant/Tenant Name Social Security Number Unit # (if assigned) I hereby authorize release of my information. Signature of Applicant/Tenant Date The individual named directly above is an applicant/tenant of a housing program that requires verification of his/her need of a live-in aide and/or to verify that he/she is disabled. The information provided will remain confidential to satisfaction of that stated purpose only. Your prompt response is crucial and greatly appreciated.

Project Owner/Management Agent

Return Form To:

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL

DEFINITION OF DISABLED

Under federal law, an individual is disabled if he/she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such impairment. The term physical or mental impairment includes, but is not limited to, such diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, autism, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, drug addiction, and alcoholism. This definition does not include any individual who is a drug addict and who is currently using illegal drugs or an alcoholic who poses a direct threat to property or safety because of alcohol use [24 CFR Part 8.3].

INFORMATION REQUESTED

1.	Is the above referenced household member disabled as defined above?	Yes	No No
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2. In your professional opinion, does the household member need the services of a live-in aid in order to have the same opportunity that a non-disabled individual has to use and enjoy their residence? **Yes**

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME/ TITLE

TELEPHONE

DATE

Mississip TENANT IN Initial Certification	Effective Date: Move-in Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	-		
	PART I - DEVELO	PMENT DATA		
Development Name:		County:	BIN #:	
Address:		Unit Number:	# Bedrooms:	

PART II. HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION							
HH Mbr #	Last Name	First Name & Middle Initial	Relationship to Head of Household	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	Age	F/T Student* (Y or N)	Social Security or Alien Reg. No.
1			HEAD				
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
	Total # of HH Mbrs –						

	PART III. GROSS ANNUAL INCOME (USE ANNUAL AMOUNTS)							
HH	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)				
Mbr #	Employment or Wages	Soc. Security/Pensions	Public Assistance	Other Income (Child support,				
				Contribution, etc.,)				
TOTALS	\$	\$	\$	\$				
Add tota	als from (A) through (D), abo	ove	TOTAL INCOME (E):	\$				

	PART IV. INCOME FROM ASSETS							
Hshld	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)				
Mbr #	Type of Asset	C/I	Cash Value of Asset	Annual Income from Asset				
	ТС	TALS:	\$	\$				
Enter	Column (H) Total Pass	book Rate						
]	If over \$5000 \$ X	0.06%	= (J) Imputed Income	\$				
Enter the	\$							
	(L) Total Annual Household	\$						

HOUSEHOLD CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURES

The information on this form will be used to determine maximum income eligibility. I/we have provided for each person(s) set forth in Part II acceptable verification of current anticipated annual income. I/we agree to notify the landlord immediately upon any member of the household moving out of the unit or any new member moving in. *I/we agree to notify the landlord immediately upon any member becoming a full time student.

Under penalties of perjury, I/we certify that the information presented in this Certification is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. The undersigned further understands that providing false representations herein constitutes an act of fraud. False, misleading or incomplete information may result in the termination of the lease agreement.

Signature

(Date)

Signature

(Date)

Signature

(Date)

Signature

(Date)

Mississippi Home Corporation TENANT INCOME CERTIFICATION

Head of Household Name ______ Effective Date of Certification ______

_Unit #____ (MM/DD/YY)

	DETERMINATION OI	INCOME ELICIDII I		
FARI V.	DETERMINATION OF	INCOME ELIGIDILI	RECERTIFICATION ONLY:	
TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES: From item (L) on page 1 Current Income Limit per Family Size:		Household Meets Income Restriction at: 30% 50% 60% 61-80% <80% >80%	Current Income Limit x 140%: S Household Income exceeds 140% at recertification: Yes □No	
Household Income at Move-in:	\$	Household Size a	t Move-in:	
	PART VI. R	RENT		
Tenant Paid Rent Utility Allowance GROSS RENT FOR UNIT:	\$	Federal Rent Assistance Other non-optional char Owner-based rental assi Unit Meets Rent Restric	ges: \$ stance: \$	
(Tenant paid rent plus Utility Allowance, & other non-optional charges) *Maximum Gross Rent LIMIT for this unit:		■ 30% ■ 50% ■ 60% ■ 80% *Note: Maximum gross rent is the rental amount listed on the applicable Income & Rent Limits Chart issued by the MHC and effective for this certification period.		
	PART VII. STUDE	NT STATUS		
ARE ALL OCCUPANTS FULL TIME STUDEN		nter student explanation* so attach documentation)	 *Student Explanation: TANF assistance Job Training Program Single parent/dependent child Married/joint return Former Foster Care participant 	
PART VIII. CERTIFICATION NOTES/COMMENTS				

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE

Based on the representations herein and upon the proofs and documentation required to be submitted, the individual(s) named in Part II of this Tenant Income Certification is/are eligible under the provisions of Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and the Land Use Restriction Agreement (if applicable), to live in a unit in this Development.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING TENANT INCOME CERTIFICATION

This form is to be completed by the owner or an authorized representative.

Part I - Development Data

Check the appropriate box for Initial Certification (move-in), Recertification (annual recertification), or Other. If Other, designate the purpose of the recertification (i.e., a unit transfer, a change in household composition, or other state-required recertification).

Move-in Date	Enter the date the tenant has or will take occupancy of the unit.
Effective Date	Enter the effective date of the certification. For move-in, this should be the move-in date. For annual recertification, this effective date should be no later than one year from the effective date of the previous (re)certification.
Development Name	Enter the name of the development.
County	Enter the county (or equivalent) in which the building is located.
BIN #	Enter the Building Identification Number (BIN) assigned to the building (from IRS Form 8609).
Address	Enter the address of the building.
Unit Number	Enter the unit number.
# Bedrooms	Enter the number of bedrooms in the unit.

Part II - Household Composition

List all occupants of the unit. State each household member's relationship to the head of household by using one of the following coded definitions:

Н	-	Head of Household	S	-	Spouse
А	-	Adult co-tenant	Ο	-	Other family member
С	-	Child	F	-	Foster child(ren)/adult(s)
L	-	Live-in caretaker	Ν	-	None of the above

Enter the date of birth, age, student status, and social security number or alien registration number for each occupant.

Total No. of Household members: Total up the number of household members listed above. This is the total number of occupants in the unit. This number should also match the applicable lease agreement.

If there are more than 6 occupants, use an additional sheet of paper to list the remaining household members and attach it to the certification.

Part III - Annual Income

See HUD Handbook 4350.3 for complete instructions on verifying and calculating income, including acceptable forms of verification.

From the third party verification forms obtained from each income source, enter the gross amount anticipated to be received for the twelve months from the effective date of the (re)certification. Complete a separate line for each income-earning member. List the respective household member number from Part II.

Column (A) Enter the annual amount of wages, salaries, tips, commissions, bonuses, and other income from employment; distributed profits and/or net income from a business.

Mississippi Home Co TENANT INCOME CE	*	Head of Household Name Effective Date of Certification	Unit # (MM/DD/YY)		
Column (B)	Enter the annual amount of Social Security, retirement, etc.	Supplemental Security Income, pensions, mi	litary		
Column (C)	Enter the annual amount of income received disability, etc.).	d from public assistance (i.e., TANF, general	assistance,		
Column (D)	Enter the annual amount of alimony, child s regularly received by the household.	support, unemployment benefits, or any other	income		
Row (E)	Add the totals from columns (A) through (I), above. Enter this amount.			
	Part IV - Income from Assets				

See HUD Handbook 4350.3 for complete instructions on verifying and calculating income from assets, including acceptable forms of verification.

From the third party verification forms obtained from each asset source, list the gross amount anticipated to be received during the twelve months from the effective date of the certification. List the respective household member number from Part II and complete a separate line for each member.

Column (F)	List the type of asset (i.e., checking account, savings account, etc.)
Column (G)	Enter C (for current, if the family currently owns or holds the asset), or I (for imputed, if the family has disposed of the asset for less than fair market value within two years of the effective date of (re)certification).
Column (H)	Enter the cash value of the respective asset.
Column (I)	Enter the anticipated annual income from the asset (i.e., savings account balance multiplied by the annual interest rate).
TOTALS	Add the total of Column (H) and Column (I), respectively.
If the total in Column (H	H) is greater than \$5,000, you must do an imputed calculation of asset income. Enter the Total Cash Value

If the total in Column (H) is greater than \$5,000, you must do an imputed calculation of asset income. Enter the Total Cash Value, multiply by 0.60% and enter the amount in (J), Imputed Income.

Row (K) Enter the greater of the total in Column (I) or (J)

Row (L) Total Annual Household Income From all Sources Add (E) and (K) and enter the total

HOUSEHOLD CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

After all verifications of income and/or assets have been received and calculated, each adult household member, including emancipated minors, must sign and date the Tenant Income Certification. For move-in, it is recommended that the Tenant Income Certification be signed no earlier than 5 days prior to the effective date of the certification, and NO LATER than the effective date of the TIC.

Part V – Determination of Income Eligibility

Total Annual Household Income from all Sources	Enter the number from item (L).
Current Income Limit per Family Size	Enter the Current Move-in Income Limit for the household size.
Household income at move-in Household size at move-in	For recertifications, only. Enter the household income from the move-in certification. On the adjacent line, enter the number of household members from the move-in certification.
Household Meets Income	Check the appropriate box for the income restriction that the household meets

Mississippi Home Corporation TENANT INCOME CERTIFICATION	Head of Household Name Effective Date of Certification	
Restriction	according to what is required by the set-aside(s) for the project.	
Current Income Limit x 140%	For recertifications only. Multiply the Current Maximum Move-in In 140% and enter the total. Below, indicate whether the household inc that total. If the Gross Annual Income at recertification is greater that current income limit, then the available unit rule must be followed.	ome exceeds
	Part VI – Rent	
Tenant Paid Rent	Enter the amount the tenant pays toward rent (not including rent assist such as Section 8 and FmHA).	stance payments
Rent Assistance	Enter the amount of rent assistance, if any. If no rental assistance is a "0".	given, insert
Utility Allowance	Enter the utility allowance. If the owner pays all utilities, enter zero.	
Other non-optional charges	Enter the amount of <u>non-optional</u> charges, such as mandatory garage lockers, charges for services provided by the development, etc.	rent, storage
Owner-based rental assistance	Enter the amount of rent assistance that is provided by the owner, if a based rental assistance is given, insert "0".	any. If owner-
Gross Rent for Unit	Enter the total of Tenant Paid Rent plus Utility Allowance, and other charges.	non-optional
Maximum Rent Limit for this unit	Enter the maximum allowable gross rent for the unit.	
Unit Meets Rent Restriction at	Check the appropriate rent restriction that the unit meets according to required by the set-aside(s) for the project.) what is

Part VII - Student Status

If all household members are full time* students, check "yes". If at least one household member is not a full time student, check "no". If "yes" is checked, the appropriate exemption <u>must</u> be listed in the box to the right. If none of the exemptions apply, the household is ineligible to rent the unit.

*Full time is determined by the school the student attends.

Part VIII - Certification Notes and Comments

Insert any notes and/or comments that are pertinent to the household's eligibility.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE

It is the responsibility of the owner or the owner's representative to sign and date this document immediately following execution by the resident(s). At move-in, it is recommended that the TIC be signed by the owner/manager no earlier than 5 days prior to the effective date of the certification. No signatures should be acquired after the effective date of the certification.

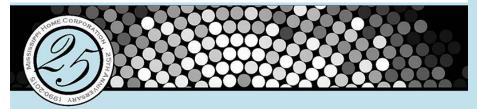
The responsibility of documenting and determining eligibility (including completing and signing the Tenant Income Certification form) and ensuring such documentation is kept in the tenant file is extremely important and should be conducted by someone well trained in tax credit compliance.

These instructions should not be considered a complete guide on tax credit compliance. The responsibility for compliance with federal program regulations lies with the owner of the building(s) for which the credit is allowable.

MISSISSIPPI HOME CORPORATION COMPLIANCE PLANNER

EVENT	DATE
Annual Owner Certification Report Requirement Workshop	01.29
Fourth Quarter Occupancy Reports Due	02.02
MHC's Annual Housing Conference	02.23- 02.25
HTC Fundamentals 101 (Pearl, MS)	04.08-04.09
First Quarter Occupancy Report Due	04.15
SAHMA State Meeting (Jackson, MS)	04.21- 04.23
Annual Owner Certification (AOC) Report Due	04.30
Spring/Summer Newsletter Distributed	05.29
NCSHA Annual Housing Conference (Los Angeles, CA)	06.01-06.04
Development Financial Analysis Report Requirement Class	06.25
Second Quarter Occupancy Report Due	07.15
HTC Fundamentals 101 (Gulfport, MS)	08.12- 08.13
Development Financial Analysis Report Due	08.31
Third Quarter Occupancy Report Due	10.15
HTC Fundamentals 101 (Senatobia, MS)	10.28-10.29
HTC Fundamentals 102	11.02
Fall/Winter Newsletter Distributed	12.11
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