



Emergency Rental
Assistance Programs

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EVICTION PROTECTION FORMS

New Jersey Eviction Protection Process

Proteccion de Desalojo Proceso de Informacion en NJ

URGENT MESSAGE:

To be protected from eviction, you MUST self-certify right now. The CDC eviction protection self-certification will no longer protect you. Please make sure to fill out the form below to ensure protection.

New Jersey has created a process that may help prevent you from being evicted or removed from where you are living. Pursuant to recently enacted legislation, if you submit the certification below and if you are eligible you may be protected from being evicted or removed from where you are living at any time for past due rent accrued between March 1, 2020 and either August 31, 2021, or December 31, 2021, depending on your income.

This self-certification tool will help you understand which protections you may be eligible for, allow you to submit a self-certification of your income to the courts, and send you a copy of that form that can be kept in your records and shared with your landlord. For more information about state and federal rental protections, visit covid19.nj.gov/renter.

You should [complete the Form online](#) as soon as possible. If you are not able to do so online, you may call [609-490-4550](tel:609-490-4550) for help.

Steps to Protect NJ Renters from Eviction

[Renters](#) | [Mysite \(housinghelpnj.org\)](#)

Step	Instructions	Link / Program Name
1	Complete NJ Eviction and Homelessness Prevention Certification	Renter Self-Certification Process and FAQs FAQ (nj.gov)
2	Apply for emergency rental assistance. See details on programs below.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIP Program• Mercer County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)• New Jersey COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance (CVERAP) Phase II• Arm in Arm

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Programas De Emergencia Para La Asistencia Del Pago De Alquiler

Princeton Program

Source	Housing Initiatives of Princeton (HIP)
Program Name	CDBG Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Description	The HIP Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides temporary rental assistance to low- and moderate-income households affected by the COVID-19 pandemic
Contact Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone: 609-921-2328
Website	https://housinginitiativesofprinceton.org/
Application-English	https://seam.ly/U8cTQQHb
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must reside in Princeton • Inability to pay rent has been caused by the Covid-19 pandemic • Must provide a signed lease and completed application
Application-Spanish	https://seam.ly/NccsVV5M
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ser residente de Princeton • No poder pagar el alquiler a causa de la pandemic del Covid • Pede proporcionar un contrato de arrendamiento firmado y completar una solicitud en linea

NEW JERSEY STATE PROGRAMS	
Source	The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Program Name	COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance (CVERAP) Phase II
Description	The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (CVERAP) Phase II provides temporary rental assistance to low- and moderate-income households affected by the COVID-19 pandemic
Contact Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJ Department of Community Affairs • P.O. BOX 460 Trenton NJ 08603 • 609-490-4550 • Monday - Friday 8:00am - 8:00pm
Spanish Website	Home Page - NMA Portal (onlinepha.com)
English Website	Home Page - NMA Portal (onlinepha.com)
Other Languages	https://www.nj.gov/dca/cverap2.shtml
How to Apply Video	How Tenants Can Apply for CVERAP - NMA Portal (onlinepha.com)
How to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at DCA's online portal. • Applications are online only. You can use a computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet. • Only one application per household will be accepted. Duplicates will be rejected. • You must provide an email address. If you don't have one, the application process will allow you to create one. • You must also provide names, birthdates, and income information for everyone in your household; landlord information; any current or previous housing assistance received; evidence that you fulfill the eligibility requirements; a lease agreement; and proof of rent owed.
Income Limits	Income Limits - NMA Portal (onlinepha.com)
Required Documents	Required Documents Phase II - NMA Portal (onlinepha.com)
FAQ's	Program Frequently Asked Questions - NMA Portal (onlinepha.com)

MERCER COUNTY PROGRAMS

Source	Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)							
Description	<p>The Mercer County Department of Human Services has received funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury to provide rental relief to landlords and tenants in our community through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).</p> <p>In partnership with the <u>Mercer County Board of Social Services (MCBOSS)</u>, the Mercer County Department of Human Services, through its Office on Homeless Services, is re-opening this program to provide financial assistance toward unpaid rent or utility bills for renter households in Mercer County that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Beginning Aug. 1, 2021, applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis until all funds are expended.</p>							
Contact Information and Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information, contact the Mercer County Board of Social Services at 609-389-3575 or erap@mcboss.org. Social workers from the Board are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to assist your household. 							
Website	Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Mercer County, NJ							
Spanish Application	Solicitud de Fase II del Programa de Asistencia de Alquiler de Emergencia de ERAP (ERAP) (smartsheet.com)							
English Application	ERAP Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Phase II Application (smartsheet.com)							
How to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To determine eligibility, Mercer County households are required to document that someone within the household qualified for unemployment benefits, experienced a reduction in income, suffered major costs directly or indirectly due to COVID-19 that impacted the household, and can demonstrate a risk of homelessness or housing instability. A household's income must be at or below 80%. Area Median Income (AMI) with priority given to households at or below 30% AMI. If you are in need of assistance with unpaid rent or utilities, you are encouraged to complete an application online. 							
Eligibility Guidelines								
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Income Limits	\$54,950	\$62,800	\$70,650	\$78,500	\$84,800	\$91,100	\$97,350	103,650

Required Documents	<p>For your convenience, you can upload the required documentation, which determines eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -proof of reduction of income after March 16, 2020. -proof of current income. -proof of up to 12 months back rent prior to April 1, 2021. -proof of up to 12 months back utilities, if requested. 		
Special Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please gather all required documents before submitting your application. Once your completed package is submitted, no additional documentation can be uploaded. • If assistance is needed with the submission of documents, please call (609)-389-3675. 		
Source	Arm in Arm, Inc.		
Website-English	https://arminarm.org/contact/#	Website-Spanish	https://arminarm.org/#
Contact Information and Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arm In Arm staff will be available to intake clients remotely via phone: Mondays - Thursdays from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. • Please call 609-396-9355 x11. • You might be prompted to leave a message. • Please provide your full name, complete address (including city), and best number for us to return your call. • Staff will contact you for an eligibility pre-screening. 		
Website	https://arminarm.org/preventing-homelessness/		
Email	hp@arminarm.org		
Requirement Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am facing an imminent threat of homelessness. • I am a Mercer County resident. • My annual income does not exceed 2.5 times the federal poverty level for my household size • I have found or plan to stay in housing that I can continue to afford (my monthly rent or mortgage payments are less than 70% of my net monthly income) • I agree to provide a portion of the amount owed. 		
Important Information	<p>Arm In Arm can provide financial assistance to an individual only once in a calendar year and up to two times in five years. Completing the intake process does not guarantee assistance.</p>		