

Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking

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Purpose of Form: The Violence Against Women and Justice Department Reauthorization Act of 2005 (“VAWA”) protects qualified tenants, participants, and applicants, and family members of tenants, participants, and applicants, who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking from being denied housing assistance, evicted, or terminated from housing assistance based on acts of such violence against them.

Use of Form: This is an optional form. A PHA, owner or management agent presented with a claim for continued or initial tenancy or assistance based on status as a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking (herein referred to as “Victim”) has the option to request that the victim document or provide written evidence to demonstrate that the violence occurred. The Victim has the option of either submitting this form or submitting third-party documentation, such as:

- (1) A Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local police or court record; or
- (2) Documentation signed by an employee, agent or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney or a medical professional, from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, or the effects of abuse, in which the professional attests under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. 1746) to the professional’s belief that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse, and the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking has signed or attested to the documentation.

If this form is used by the Victim, the Victim must complete and submit it within 14 business days of receiving it from the PHA, owner or management agent. This form must be returned to the person and address specified in the written request for the certification. If the Victim does not complete and return this form (or provide third-party verification) by the 14th business day or by an extension of the date provided by the PHA, management agent or owner, the Victim cannot be assured s/he will receive VAWA protections.

If the Victim submits this form, the PHA, owner or management agent cannot require any additional evidence from the Victim.

Confidentiality: All information provided to a PHA, owner or management agent concerning the incident(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking relating to the Victim shall be kept confidential by the PHA, owner or management agent, and such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of the PHA, owner, or management agent are not to have access to these details unless to afford or reject VAWA protections to the Victim; and may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that disclosure is: (i) consented to by the Victim in writing; (ii) required for use in an eviction proceeding; or (iii) otherwise required by applicable law.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, OR STALKING:

Date Written Request Received by Victim: _____

Name of Victim: _____

Names of Other Family Members Listed on the Lease: _____

Name of the Perpetrator: _____

Perpetrator’s Relationship to Victim: _____

Date(s) the Incident(s) of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence or Stalking Occurred: _____

Location of Incident(s): _____



Description of Incident(s) (This description may be used by the PHA, owner or management agent for purposes of evicting the perpetrator. Please be as descriptive as possible.):

I hereby certify that the information that I have provided is true and correct and I believe that, based on the information I have provided, that I am a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking and that the incident(s) in question are bona fide incidents of such actual or threatened abuse. I acknowledge that submission of false information is a basis for denial of admission, termination of assistance, or eviction.

Signature: _____ Executed on (Date): _____

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting the data. Information provided is to be used by PHAs and Section 8 owners or management agents to request a tenant to certify that the individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking. The information is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the HUD Reform Legislation. This agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

