



CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program – Eviction Protections – Talking Points

Eviction Protections Overview

- CA COVID-19 Rent Relief provides critical financial assistance to income-qualified renters experiencing housing instability.
- In January 2021, Governor Newsom signed SB 91, establishing the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program, allocating \$2.6 billion in federal rent assistance.
- In June 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 832, modifying SB 91 to extend eviction protection by three months, until Sept 30, 2021. After Sept. 30, 2021, a household with unpaid rent must show proof it has applied for rent relief and are waiting to find out if they will receive assistance. If so, the eviction protections will last until March 31, 2021.
- After September 30, 2021, renters will be responsible for paying 100% of past due rent which can be covered if they apply for assistance.
- As of October 1, 2021 renters who receive a notice to "pay or quit" for unpaid rent during the COVID-19 pandemic can still be protected from eviction:
 - If the notice is for unpaid rent between March 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, renters must give their landlord a signed [declaration of COVID-19 related financial distress](#) within 15 business days of receiving a notice to "pay or quit."
 - In all cases, the landlord MUST apply for the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program before they can proceed with an eviction lawsuit against the renter.
 - If renters apply for the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program within 15 business days of receiving the "pay or quit" notice, or within 15 business days of receiving a notice from the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program that the landlord has started an application on their behalf, the eviction process will be stopped while the renter's application is processed

How to Apply

- Renters and landlords can find out if they're eligible and apply for rent/utility relief directly at [HousingIsKey.com](https://www.housingiskey.com).
- If you don't have access to the internet and have questions, need help determining if you are eligible, or to apply, you can call the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Call Center, 833-430-2122
- For assistance in another language, help determining eligibility, help with an application, or help uploading required paperwork, applicants can schedule an appointment with a local organization near them by calling 833-687-0967.