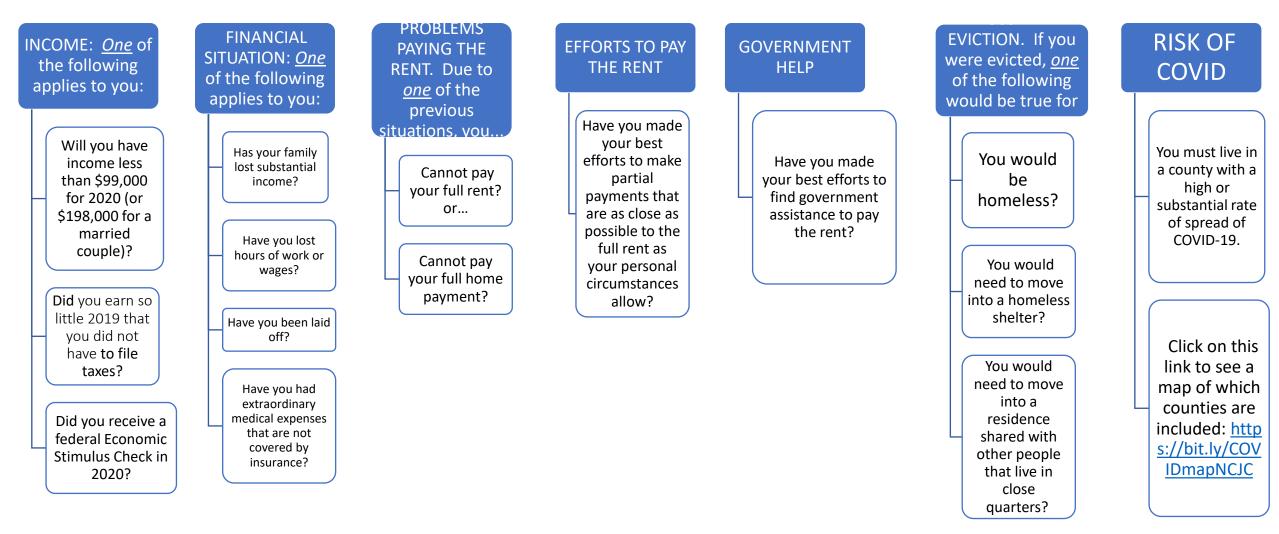
# JUSTICE CENTER

## **Eviction Moratorium and Rental Assistance Programs**

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Your landlord cannot evict you from your house, apartment, or mobile home lot before **October 3, 2021** for failure to pay rent if you can answer "yes" to one of the questions in each column below:



#### What do I need to do to stop my landlord from evicting me?

- Each adult tenant (18 years or older) that lives with you must <u>sign this declaration</u> stating that you are eligible for the CDC moratorium.
  The declaration is a sworn statement, and there are criminal penalties for signing the declaration if it is not true!
- Give the signed declaration to the landlord
- Keep copies of the signed declaration.
- Follow the rental agreement.
- **If you have a court hearing**, go to court and bring your signed declaration to show the judge that the eviction should be stopped.
- If you already had a court eviction hearing and the judge ordered you to be evicted:
  - You have a right to appeal. You have 10 days after the hearing to appeal.
  - If the 10 days to appeal have passed, you may still be able to stop the eviction.

### Getting Help to Pay the Rent

- Rental relief funds are available! TO GET ASSISTANCE, visit: hope.nc.gov
  - The 12 largest counties are also offering their own rental relief programs. You can visit hope.nc.gov for information on all 100 counties, or go directly to county websites for <u>Wake</u>, <u>Mecklenburg</u>, <u>Orange</u>, <u>Durham</u>, <u>Guilford</u>, <u>Forsyth</u>.
- If you are an immigrant:
  - Immigrants with or without status <u>can</u> receive assistance from rental relief programs
  - Accepting help from a rental relief program will <u>NOT</u> affect your application for a green card! The programs offering government help to pay your rent are NOT considered negatively in an immigration application. Please apply if you need the assistance.

#### **GET LEGAL HELP:**

- Legal Aid of North Carolina: 1-866-219-5262
- Legal Aid Landlord-Tenant Information: <a href="http://www.legalaidnc.org/get-help/self-help-library/landlord-tenant">http://www.legalaidnc.org/get-help/self-help-library/landlord-tenant</a>
- NC Lawyer's Referral Service: 1-800-662-7660
- North Carolina Justice Center (serving immigrants with or without status): 919-856-2162
- NCJC Covid-19 Resources <u>https://www.ncjustice.org/covid-19-response/</u>

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