San Francisco Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board

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Information Regarding Tenant Financial Hardship Application (Income Based or Exceptional Circumstances)

If passthroughs or operating and maintenance rent increases cause a financial burden, there may be relief.

If your income and assets fall within Financial Guidelines, you may qualify for Financial Hardship. File the Tenant Financial Hardship application and include proof of income and assets. You must also include a copy of your rent increase notice. **If all adult members of your household receive means-tested public assistance (such as SSI or Food Stamps/ SNAP) please fill out the 524A Tenant Financial Hardship Application (Public Assistance) instead of this form.**

You may also qualify if you have exceptional circumstances that make payment of the rent increase(s) a hardship. This might include large out-of-pocket medical bills.

Once you have filed the Hardship Application, you do not have to pay the rent increase(s) until the Rent Board issues a decision. If your Hardship Application is denied, you will have to pay the increase(s) retroactive to the effective date.

The Hardship Application can be filed by one tenant in the household, but each adult (not including subtenants) who lives in the unit must also provide the required income and asset information and sign the Declaration on page 5. Children and subtenants do not need to provide proof of income or assets.

Financial Guidelines

- The monthly rent charged is more than 33% of the tenant's monthly gross household income; **AND**
- The tenant's assets, excluding retirement accounts (pensions, IRAs, 401(K)) and non-liquid assets (cars, antiques, collectibles), do not exceed $60,000; **AND**
- The tenant's monthly gross household income (before taxes) is less than the following amount [revised as of 6/1/26]:

Maximum Monthly Gross Income per Household Size
(Household size includes all occupants, regardless of age, except subtenants)

- $7,562 for 1-person household
- $8,645 for 2-person household
- $9,725 for 3-person household
- $10,808 for 4-person household
- $11,670 for 5-person household
- $12,537 for 6-person household
- $13,400 for 7-person household
- $14,262 for 8-person household

Exceptional Circumstances

- If a tenant does not qualify under Income Based Financial Guidelines but has exceptional circumstances (such as large out-of-pocket medical bills) they may still qualify for hardship relief. Tenants should submit proof of exceptional circumstances AND income and asset information.

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