

HCD ReCoverCA Eligibility Documentation



Note: Please choose **one** document from each section below to satisfy the program eligibility documentation requirement.

- ☐ **Proof of Public Benefit Eligibility** *for all Applicants and Co-Applicants*
 - California REAL ID issued by Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - Passport
 - Birth Certificate
 - ▶ Alien Registration Card; or Naturalization/Citizenship Certificate
- ☐ **Proof of Ownership** at time of disaster and currently
 - Ownership: Stick-Built Homes
 - Property tax bill (County or State)
 - Deed
 - ► Title report
 - Court order affidavit/succession
 - FEMA (IA) award letter
 - SBA award letter
 - Recent mortgage statement.
 - Ownership: MHUs/Mobile homes
 - Certificate of Title from HCD;
 - County tax assessment for the structure
 - Recorded lease agreement
 - Bill of Sale

Proof of Primary Residency at Time of Disaster

- ▶ Primary residence homeowner property tax exemption
- ► FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) funding awarded for repair/replacement or SBA award letter or SBA approval letters
- Filed IRS 1040 tax returns for the disaster year
- Voter registration card dated prior to the fire and signed affidavit.
- Occupancy
 - Valid driver's license from time of disaster with damaged address accompanied by bank or credit card statement sent to damaged residence in the preceding or month of disaster
 - ▶ Voter registration records submitted with driver's license
 - Current insurance policy covers personal property in the home effective at time of disaster.
 - Copy of electric, gas, cable, or cell phone bill. The utility bill mailing address must match the property address and the address at which utilities are provided.
 - Letter from electric, gas, cable, or cell phone company.
 - ▶ **NOTE**: Incidental services such as propane tank bills are not considered utility bills and may not be used to establish occupancy.

Proof of Current Property Taxes/Payment Plan

- Current paid property tax bill
- Applicant must prove that property taxes have been paid or that one of the following alternatives have been met:
 - ▶ The property owner qualified for and received a tax deferral as allowed under local tax code;
 - The property owner qualified for and received a tax exemption pursuant to the local tax code; or
 - ▶ The Applicant entered a payment plan with the applicable taxing authority
- Proof of Income Required for all household members 18+
 - Most recently filed IRS 1040 tax form (Signed)

If most recent income tax return is not available, one of the following is acceptable:

- Wages
 - 3 paystubs from the most recent 90-day period prior to the date of the application, they do not need to be consecutive unless the pay frequency is monthly;
- Retirement/Social Security
 - Current social security benefits letter (including benefits paid to minors)
 - Current pension/retirement benefit letter (if applicable), or prior year 1099;



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- Current annuity payment letter (if applicable), or prior year 1099.
- ➤ Self-Employment income:
 - o Most recent tax return (1040 or 1040A); and
 - o Current year profit and loss statement.
- ► Rental Income
 - Current lease agreements(s); or
- ► Unemployment Benefits:
 - Current benefit letter with gross benefit amount (notes: program personnel may contact employers for verification)
- ► Court Ordered Alimony/Spousal Maintenance:
 - Copy of court order documentation
- Taxable Interest and Dividends (including amounts received by, or on behalf of minors):
 - Most recent statement or prior year 1099
- ➤ Documentation for other less common types of income that may be taxable at the federal level and will be assessed by the Program based on the type of income reported.
- **Documentation of Duplication of Benefit** (*Provide all that apply*)
 - FEMA Award Letter
 - SBA Award Letter
 - Insurance claim summary, and/or proof of any other funding that may have been given/used for home rehabilitation or reconstruction.
 - Lawsuit Settlements
 - Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) Funding
 - Charities
 - Other 2020 California Program Disaster Funding

^{*}Additional documentation may be deemed necessary by the Program.