Does the new Moratorium on Evictions apply to me?

A “moratorium” means a temporary “STOP” or “halt”. A “moratorium on evictions” means a temporary STOP or halt to evictions. You may have heard that the federal government recently issued an order putting a temporary STOP or halt to certain evictions in the United States. This STOP or halt began on September 4 and will last until March 31, 2021. You may be wondering if this applies to you.

### Answering the following questions may help you decide.

Are you being evicted by your landlord for non-payment of rent, or late fees, or interest, or penalties?

___YES (CONTINUE, you may qualify)

___NO (STOP, you are unlikely to qualify)

Have you used your best efforts to try to get government help to pay your rent or keep your housing?

___YES (CONTINUE, you may qualify)

___NO (STOP, you are unlikely to qualify)

*SEE: Instruction Sheet: Steps to STOP My Eviction; and Information Sheet: Resources for Rent Assistance for helpful information to answer this question

Have you tried to make partial rent payments as you are able?

___YES (CONTINUE, you may qualify)

___NO (STOP, you are unlikely to qualify)

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Will you become homeless, or need to move to a shelter, or need to move to a place shared by other people because you have no other place to go if you are evicted?

___YES (CONTINUE, you may qualify)

___NO (STOP, you are unlikely to qualify)
Are you unable to make your rent payment because you, or a member of your household, lost your job, or had your hours reduced, or were laid off? ___YES ___NO

Are you unable to make your rent payments because you have high out-of-pocket medical expenses? ___YES ___NO

CONTINUE if you answered “YES” to one of these 2 questions. You may qualify.

STOP if you answered “NO” to both questions. You are unlikely to qualify.

Do you expect to earn less than $99,000 in 2020 if you are single, OR less than $198,000 if you file a joint tax return? ___ YES ___ NO

Did you have to report any income to the IRS in 2019? ___ YES ___ NO

Did you receive a stimulus check? ___ YES ___ NO

If you answered “YES” to one of these 2 questions, you may qualify.

If you answered “NO” to all 3 of these questions, you are unlikely to qualify.

IF YOU MADE IT TO THE END OF THIS WORKSHEET, there are additional steps you will need to take.

Please look at the following additional Instruction Sheets for next steps.

1. Information Sheet: Steps to STOP My Eviction
2. Information Sheet: Resources for Rent Assistance

If You Need Help:

CALL
Legal Aid Line of Western Ohio
Monday – Friday: 9am – 4pm

TOLL-FREE
(888) 534-1432

APPLY ONLINE
24 hours/day; 7 days/week

ONLINE
www.LegalAidLine.org

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