The owner or prospective buyer of the property where you are currently a tenant has applied for assistance to reduce lead paint hazards in your rental unit. The regulations for this Program require that the income of the current tenant not exceed 80% of the median income for that county or metropolitan area where the property is located. To determine whether your unit is eligible for assistance from the Program, we need you to complete the attached Tenant Income Verification Form and return it to us. You must provide the total yearly income for all persons living in your unit from all sources. Documented evidence of these income sources must also be provided. See the attached checklist for types of documentation that are acceptable. Please note that this information will be kept strictly confidential and will not be given to your landlord or used be used for any other purpose other than to determine the eligibility of the rental unit.

The primary goal of this Program is to reduce the hazards posed to children from lead paint in homes. If you would like more information on the dangers of lead paint, please contact the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Hotline at 1-800-439-8550 or call our office.

If your rental unit is accepted into the Program, a number of activities will take place. First, an inspection of painted surfaces will be conducted by a consultant using an XRF analyzer. This inspection will identify those components in the unit which contain lead-based paint. The consultant will also collect dust wipes in the unit to measure the amount of lead contained in the house dust, the most common source for childhood lead poisoning. Property owners are required to disclose to tenants the results of all testing for lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust.

We strongly encourage you to have children aged six years and under screened for lead if you have not done so already. Because lead poisoned children often have no obvious symptoms, screening is the only way to insure there is no problem. The Vermont Department of Health offers free blood lead screening regularly at its network of local health offices throughout the State; or your pediatrician can conduct the test.

If assistance is provided and your landlord decides to proceed with lead hazard reduction work, you will not be permanently displaced. Please carefully read the important information below about temporary relocation.

Please complete the attached Tenant Income Verification Form with attached documentation. You may give it to your landlord to include with his application or and return it directly to:

Vermont Housing and Conservation Board,
Health and Lead-Safe Homes Program
58 E. State St., Montpelier, VT 05602

If you have any questions about completing the attached form or about the Lead Program, please call (802) 828-5064 or 1-800-290-0527.

Notice of Non-Displacement & Temporary Relocation

This is to inform you that, if assistance is provided to your landlord, and the unit or building in which you are living has lead paint hazard control work undertaken, you will not be permanently displaced. Because Federal assistance will be involved, you are protected from displacement by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies of 1970, as amended. However, if you do decide to move permanently for reasons of your own, you will not be eligible for relocation assistance.

It is likely that you will need to be temporarily relocated from the unit while the lead paint hazard control work is being completed. Either someone from the VHCB Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program or your landlord will be in touch with you to discuss the need and timing of temporary relocation.

If you have to be temporarily relocated, assistance will be provided to help cover additional reasonable living costs. If necessary, you will be provided with assistance in finding suitable temporary housing.
Instructions
This form must be completed by the tenant(s) of any apartment or home for which the landlord is seeking assistance. Please list all household members below. Please provide your yearly family/household income from all sources, including income from employment, pensions, social security, ANFC, SSI, alimony/child support, workers compensation, and interest on savings accounts and other assets. Copies of documented evidence of these income sources must be provided (See check list). Please read the Notice of Non-Displacement & Temporary Relocation on the bottom of this form and acknowledge by signing below.

Last Name: _____________________________________________ First: ________________________________ Initial: _______.
Address of Apt. or Home: ___________________________________________________
Mailing Address (if different): ________________________________________________
Phone: (home): __________________________ Phone (work): _______________________(for who)__________________________
Property Owner or Landlord Name: ________________________________________________

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I hereby certify under penalty of law that the information provided on this form is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations. I also authorize the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to verify the income figure I have provided. This may include providing additional information for verification purposes. I have read the statement above regarding non-displacement and temporary relocation. I understand that all information collected as part of this application for assistance from VHCB’s Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program will be kept strictly confidential.

Tenant’s Signature: _____________________________________________ Date: ___________________

Please return this form to: VHCB Healthy & Lead-Safe Homes Program, 58 E. State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602.
Acceptable 3rd party documentation of income for each occupant may include:

- IRS tax forms from most recent year available – Form 1040
- Copies of current payroll stubs
- Signed employer verification of income statement
- Certifications of income from non-payroll sources such as:
  - Unemployment
  - Disability Compensation
  - Worker’s Compensation
  - Severance Pay
  - Aid to families of Dependent Children (AFDC)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Copies of Social Security earnings statements
  - Other annuity or retirement income statements
  - Any other documented income

**Ethnicity and Race Instructions**

The Lead Program is required by HUD to collect and annually report these demographics in an aggregate manner so that no personal information is shared. Please indicate by number each demographic that applies for each individual. Ethnicity applies for each race response meaning a minimum of two numbers will apply for each response such as 1,7 or 2,4 etc. or more if multiple race responses such as 2,4,7 (Not Hispanic, Asian, and White)

**Ethnicity**

1. Hispanic or Latino
2. Not Hispanic or Latino

**Race**

3. American Indian or Alaskan Native
4. Asian
5. Black or African American
6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
7. White

**Note:** The demographic information you provide does not affect in any way how this application for assistance or eligibility is considered by our office.

Questions? Please call us at 1-802-828-5064 or 1-800-290-0527