

NOTICE OF INABILITY TO PAY RENT
(New Mexico Supreme Court Orders NO. 20-8500-07 and 20-8500-08)

In March 2020, the New Mexico Supreme Court issued two orders that temporarily postpone eviction orders against New Mexicans who provide a judge with evidence that they are unable to pay rent for their house, apartment, extended stay hotel, or a mobile home lot. This form is intended to inform landlords or property managers and the Court in an eviction hearing that a tenant(s) is unable to pay rent and is temporarily protected under the Supreme Court's orders from being evicted.

Instructions

1. Fill in all the blanks below and check the reasons that apply.
2. Deliver a copy to your landlord.
3. **Keep a copy of this notice (or at least a cell phone picture).**
4. Gather and keep all documents that prove your inability to pay rent, such as termination or layoff notices, pay stubs, bank statements, medical bills, or a signed letter from an employer.
5. You can also provide this notice and supporting documents to the Court if you have to go to an eviction hearing, but it's not required.

DATE: _____ *(Put the date here)*

TO: _____ *(Landlord or manager's name)* **FROM:** _____ *(Tenant's name)*

TENANT'S HOME ADDRESS: _____

_____ *(Fill in your full address here)*

REASON: I am unable to pay the full amount of rent for the rental property listed above, for the following reason(s) *(Check all that apply)*:

_____ A tenant (or tenants) in the household lost income due to the coronavirus, the state of emergency, or the related government response (such as a layoff or reduction in hours).

_____ A tenant (or tenants) in the household needed to miss work to care for a child whose school was closed in response to the coronavirus.

_____ A tenant (or tenants) in the household was unable to work because of sickness with confirmed or suspected coronavirus.

____ A tenant (or tenants) in the household was unable to work because of a need to care for a household or family member who was sick with confirmed or suspected coronavirus.

____ Other reason for inability to pay rent. Specify: _____

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As a result, I need to delay some or all of the payment for rent due, and am entitled to the protections of New Mexico Supreme Court Order No. 20-8500-07 or No. 20-8500-07.

If my circumstances change and I am able to pay some or all of the rent owed, I will contact you about setting up a payment plan.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Sign here)