

Property Online Reporting Tool (PORT) User Guide

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Foreword

The Property Online Reporting Tool (PORT) was developed by Minnesota Housing to consolidate previously separate tax credit, deferred loan, and HOME compliance monitoring and reporting tools into one web-based system. Beginning with 2014 reporting, the Characteristics of Tenant Households Report (for deferred loan reporting), the Electronic Reporting Program (for tax credit reporting), the MARIF activity tool (for MARIF reporting) and the Compliance Monitoring System (for HOME compliance reporting) were replaced with PORT.

PORT also allows Minnesota Housing to collect and analyze operating data on properties financed with its deferred loans. Submission of annual operating data is required under Minnesota Housing's deferred loan documents, but until the implementation of PORT, this submission requirement was waived.

The benefits of an online reporting tool can be easily recognized as owners have one place to fulfill multiple reporting requirements and Minnesota Housing's data can be viewed by owners. Property, loan, and tax credit data, including the associated income and rent restrictions, are brought together with unit and household data reported by the owner; income eligibility and tenant-paid rent are referenced by compliance monitoring tables of income and rent limits. Noncompliance noted during Minnesota Housing's monitoring reviews, including inspections, will also be available online. As a comprehensive reporting tool for owners, PORT is also Minnesota Housing's compliance monitoring system, which results in better communication between owners and Agency staff during the annual reporting process and periodic inspections.

Terms and Conditions

As a condition of your use of the Minnesota Housing website, you are entering into an agreement with Minnesota Housing that you will not use the Minnesota Housing website for any purpose that is unlawful or prohibited by these terms, conditions, and notices.

You may not use the Minnesota Housing website in any manner which could damage, disable, overburden, or impair the Minnesota Housing website or interfere with any other party's use of the Minnesota Housing website site.

You may not modify copy, distribute, transmit, display, perform, reproduce, publish, license, create derivative works from, transfer, or sell any information obtained from the Minnesota Housing website.

Users of the Minnesota Housing website are responsible for checking the accuracy, completeness, currency and/or suitability of all information. Minnesota Housing makes no representations, guarantees, or warranties as to the accuracy, completeness, currency, or suitability of the information provided via this web site.

In addition, certain information in Minnesota Housing's Property Online Reporting Tool (PORT) is protected by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, MN Statutes Chapter 13.

If any information is incorrect, missing, or incomplete, it is the owner's responsibility to inform Minnesota Housing of the error.

PORT is an online reporting tool. Minnesota Housing does not represent or guarantee that using PORT will prevent an owner from violating the terms and conditions of its loan and/or tax credit allocation agreements.

Any failure by Minnesota Housing to monitor a specific loan or restriction in PORT does not release or absolve an owner from the legal obligations under its loan or allocation agreements. If Minnesota Housing discovers that data in PORT is incomplete or inaccurate, it will make corrections and notify the owner.

In order to provide security against unauthorized viewing or manipulation of property data, Minnesota Housing will assign one PORT username and password to the Owner of each property (for an exception, refer to Chapter 6, below, for designation of an Owner's Account Administrator). The Owner is responsible for controlling who is authorized to access its properties in PORT. Owner may designate one Management Account and that Management Account may designate one Site Management Account. All reporting submitted by an Owner's authorized Management Account or its designated Site Management Account will be deemed by Minnesota Housing to have been submitted by the Owner.

In addition, it is the Owner's responsibility to allow or disallow management access when necessary due to changes in management agent and/or staffing. Refer to Chapters 9 and 10 for instructions on how to deny access to a Mgmt or Site Mgmt Acct.

Funding Sources Monitored and Reporting Requirements

The Property Online Reporting Tool (PORT) was developed by Minnesota Housing for compliance reporting and monitoring of following funding sources:

PORT Name	Program Name	
501c3	501c3 bond program	
ARIF	Affordable Rental Investment Fund	
<u>AMF</u>	Asset Management Fund	
EDHC	Economic Development Housing Challenge (sometimes just referred to as "Challenge")	
ELHIF	Ending Long Term Homelessness Initiative Fund	
FARIF	Flood Affordable Rental Investment Fund	
**HOME	Home Rental Rehabilitation, HOME Targeted, HOME Affordable Rental Preservation (HARP)	
**HOPWA	Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids	
HTC Allocation	Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (aka Section 42)	
HTF	Housing Trust Fund	
HTF-LTH	Housing Trust Fund – Long Term Homeless	
HTFT	Housing Trust Fund Transitional	
Hsg Inf Bnd-EDHC	Housing Infrastructure Bonds using EDHC Program rules	
Hsg Inf Bnd-HTF	Housing Infrastructure Bonds using HTF Program rules	
IIH	Innovative and Inclusionary Housing Program	
LILF	Low Income Large Family	
MARIF	Minnesota Affordable Rental Investment Fund	
PARIF	Preservation Affordable Rental Investment Fund	
NHTF	National Housing Trust Fund	
PARIF-SH	Preservation Affordable Rental Investment Fund for Supportive Housing	
PARIF-PH	Preservation Affordable Rental Investment Fund for Public Housing	
POHP	*Publicly Owned Housing Program (previously named POPR)	
POPSHP	*Publicly Owned Permanent Supportive Housing Program	
POTH	*Publicly Owned Transitional Housing	
RRDL	Rental Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program	
SN	Special Needs Housing Program	
**Section 1602	Section 1602, sometimes referred to as Tax Credit Exchange Program	
TARIF	Tornado Affordable Rental Investment Fund	
**TCAP	Tax Credit Assistance Program	
TIHP	Tribal Indian Housing Program	
TL	Transitional Housing Program	
UIHP	Urban Indian Housing Program	

^{*}Funded with General Obligation (GO) bonds.

^{**}Federal funds either from HUD or Dept of Treasury

The following describes the annual submission requirements that apply to the various funding sources noted above. Most properties need to submit multiple items.

Funding Source	Required Items	Notes
All properties subject to monitoring in PORT	 Report all occupancy-related events for each unit in the property. Tax credit properties that are in the three-year protection period following termination or expiration of the Extended Use Period (EUP) and have no other agency financing are only required to report unit events on protected households. 	Exempt from reporting occupancy- related events: Section 8 properties financed with a Minnesota Housing deferred loan that report to Minnesota Housing via TRACS unless 1) the deferred loan restricts more units than those covered by the Section 8 contract, or 2) the property was also financed with HOME or NHTF funds from Minnesota Housing and the property is still in its affordability period, and/or is monitored for housing tax credit compliance by Minnesota Housing. Tax credit-only properties that are in the EUP and are monitored for a federal program such as USDA Rural Development 515 or
One or more of the following sources: • Minnesota Housing deferred loan • HOME Rental Rehabilitation • HOME Targeted • HOME HARP • National Housing Trust Fund	 Deferred Loan Annual Owner Certification If the Property Operating Data link is active (located in the Annual Property Operating Data section of the Owner Reporting tab in PORT), also submit your most current fiscal year-end operating data by March 31. 	 Properties also financed with an amortizing first mortgage from Minnesota Housing will not be required to complete an owner certification for compliance with a Minnesota Housing deferred loan unless the property was also financed with HOME or National Housing Trust.
Housing Tax Credits (including those with a tax credit carryover allocation or a preliminary determination letter that have not yet	 Owner Certification of Continuing Program Compliance. First year 8609(s) with Part II completed (include the attachment for multiple building election if applicable) 	 8609(s) only need to be sent to Minnesota Housing once, for the first tax credit year, and can be scanned and emailed to the assigned compliance officer Housing Tax Credit properties in year 1 and later must also

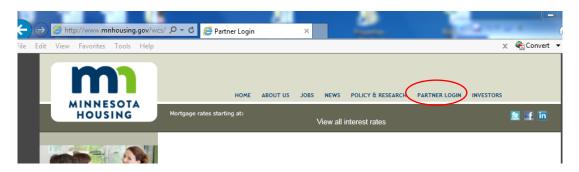
Funding Source	Required Items	Notes
established the first credit year)		complete the Applicable Fraction Certification. • Properties electing the Average Income Test in year 1 and later must also complete the Average Income Test Certification indicating the year-end unit designation for each project by unit size and income and rent limit tier. PORT will calculate the imputed average for each project. Owners must complete the single or multiple-building election in the BIN pages of PORT before they can complete the Average Income Test Certification.

Chapter 1 – Login and Username

Ensure the following is available for online reporting: Personal computer, internet connection, and Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge web browser

Minnesota Housing will assign a PORT username and password only to the legal owner of each property and send it by email to the owner's designated contact person. For properties reporting in PORT for the first time, the first username will be assigned after loan closing. For tax credit properties, the username will be assigned after Carryover Allocation (after the Preliminary Determination letter is issued for 4% deals). If you need access to PORT before then because, for example, you are placing acquisition credits in service, contact your compliance officer.

1. At www.mnhousing.gov, click the **PARTNER LOGIN** link in the upper, right-hand corner.



- 2. You will be navigated to the **Secure Login** page. Scroll to the link titled, **Property Online Reporting Tool (PORT)**.
- 3. Log in using your assigned PORT username and password.

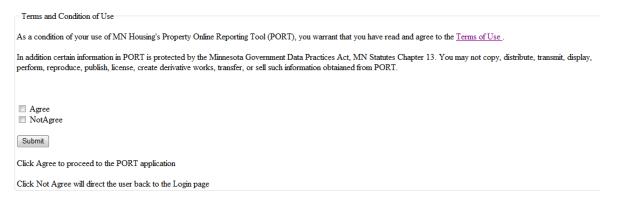


4. At the very first login, you will be prompted to change your password. Passwords must be 9 digits long and contain at least one capital letter, one number, and one special character (such as a comma, asterisk, ampersand, dollar sign, pound sign, etc.). Passwords expire every 90 days.

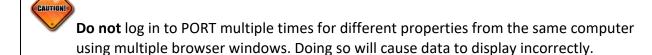
- 5. If you forget your password, click the **Forgot Password** link and you will be asked to supply your username and email address. A new password will be emailed to you. Change your password upon your next login. If the forgot password function does not recognize your username or email address, contact your assigned compliance officer.
- 6. Click the **PORT** link below the title **Authorized Applications**.



7. Click the **Terms of Use** link, read the Terms and Conditions carefully, and then click the back arrow. Agree to the Terms of Use by clicking the **Agree** box. If you click Not Agree, you will be navigated back to the login page.



- 8. If you have clicked on the Agree box, you will land on the User Home page. If you have access to multiple properties, simply click any of the properties' link to navigate to that particular property's information.
- 9. From any tab or detail screen, click >>User Home>> to navigate to the User Home page.
- 10. In certain detail screens, the property tabs no longer appear. Navigate back to the property and its associated tabs by clicking *>>Property>>* at the top of the screen.



Chapter 2 – Property Information

2.01 Property Tab

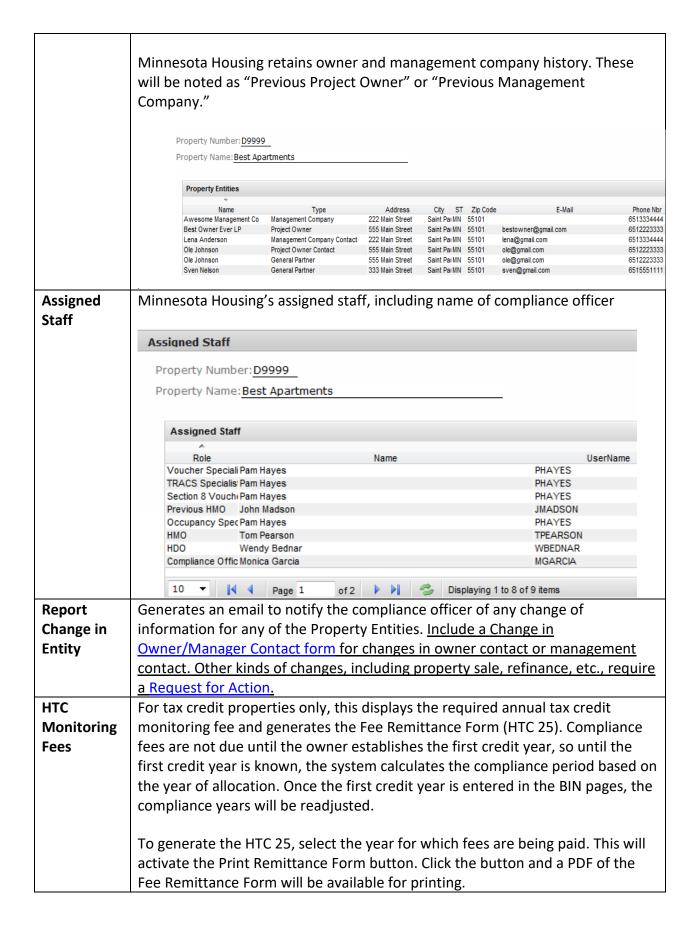
Validate all information presented for the property. Help Minnesota Housing maintain correct and complete information by notifying the assigned compliance officer if any information is not correct or not complete. Click the **Assigned Staff** link to see who is assigned to your property.

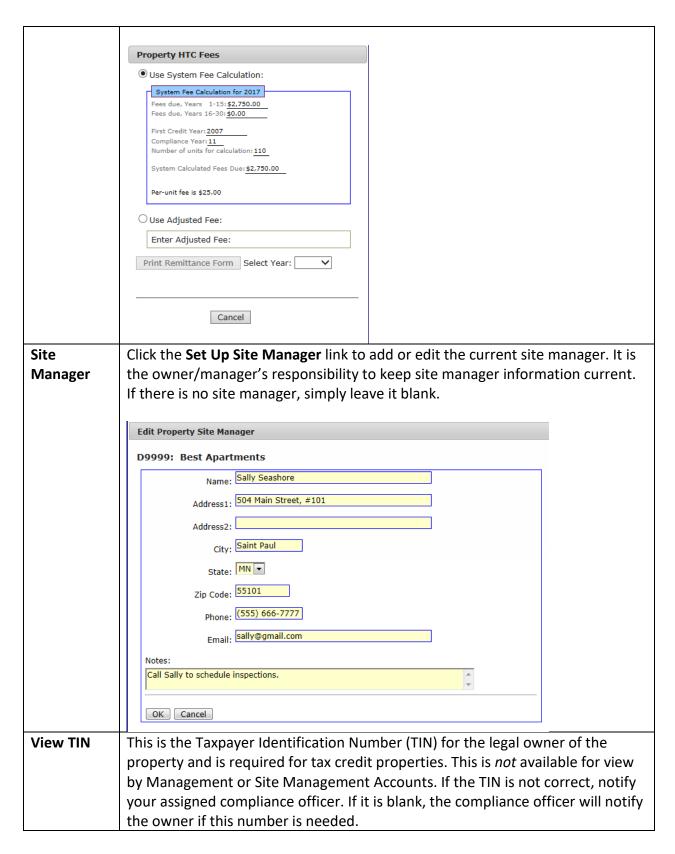


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Click the available hyperlinks to see details for:

Name History	Previous property names
Property Entities	Current and previous owner, manager, partner and other entities associated with the property. While the management company contact and site manager names may appear in the Property Information tab in PORT, owners must authorize access by assigning a Management Account following the instructions in Chapter 7.





The boxes under Property Type, Population Served, and Other Influences have been checked if the following conditions are known to the compliance officer:

Property Type	
Green Property	The property was funded with a Green Initiative or priority.
Supportive Housing	The property provides supportive housing.
Emergency Shelter	The property operates as an emergency shelter, not permanent
	or transitional housing.
Group Home	The property operates as a group home.
Transitional Housing	The housing's occupancy is limited to 24 months.
Population Served	
Elderly	The property is age restricted serving households with at least
	one member age 55 and over.
Family	The property is not age restricted.
Special Needs	The property serves households with special needs.
Other Influences	
Hollman	One or more units receive assistance under the Hollman
	consent decree.
LTH operating subsidy	The property <i>currently</i> receives a Minnesota Housing LTH
	operating subsidy (note that this should be un-checked if the
	operating subsidy expires and is not renewed).
LTH rental assistance	The property <i>currently</i> receives Minnesota Housing LTH rental
	assistance (note that this should be un-checked if the rental
6	assistance contract expires and is not renewed).
MHFA first mortgage	The property has a Minnesota Housing amortizing first
T0.	mortgage loan (e.g., LMIR, NCTC, etc.).
TCA	The property has a Section 8 contract with Traditional Contract Administration.
PBCA	The property has a Section 8 contract with Performance Based
	Contract Administration.
Supportive services	The property provides supportive services on site.
HUD risk share	The property was financed with a Minnesota Housing loan that
	has mortgage insurance through HUD's Risk Sharing Program.
Tax credit suballocator	The property has tax credits and/or Section 1602 allocated and
	monitored by a sub-allocator.
Rural Development	The property is financed by Rural Development.
Tax exempt bond	The property is financed using tax exempt bonds (Minnesota
	Housing or other issuer).
Non-Minnesota Housing	The property has Section 8 or other HUD program not subject to
HUD program	Minnesota Housing contract administration and is subject to
	inspections by HUD. This checkbox is used to identify properties
	that are not subject to tax credit monitoring or fees in the
	extended use period because they are subject to monitoring
	under a federal program.
811 Rental Assistance	Property has a Section 811 contract from HUD

2.02 Building(s)

Confirm that the correct number of buildings appears for the property and that Building Identification Numbers (BIN) and addresses are correct (BINs are only applicable for tax credit properties).



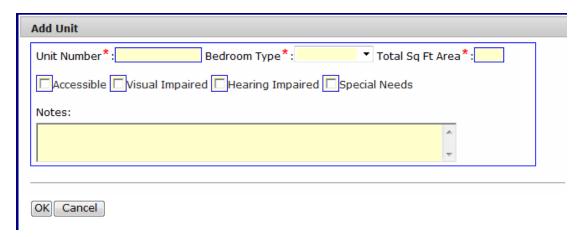
2.03 Units

The owner or its authorized Management Account or designated Site Management Account must set up all units in each respective building for the property.

- 1. Click the Building link.
- 2. Above the Building Units section toward the middle of the page, click the **Setup Unit** link. This will open the Unit Data screen.



3. Enter the assigned Unit Number, Bedroom Type (number of bedrooms), and Total Square footage for each unit in the building. These are required fields as noted by the red asterisks.



- 4. Click one or more checkboxes to indicate if a unit is designed to be handicap accessible (Accessible), contains equipment to accommodate visual impaired persons (Visual Impaired), contains equipment to accommodate hearing impaired persons (Hearing Impaired), and/or is a unit specifically designed for persons with other kinds of special needs (Special Needs). Use the Notes field to explain any additional or unusual features of the unit. Do not use the Notes field to explain any occupancy information.
- 5. Click the **OK** button to save the unit information.
- 6. Repeat steps 2-5 until all units for the building are entered. If there is more than one building, repeat for each building.

For instructions on reporting occupancy information, refer to Chapter 3, Reporting Unit Events.



Make sure each building address is correct for your property. Notify the compliance officer if any building is missing or information is incorrect.

Corrections to unit information can only be done before a unit event has been reported in PORT. Once a unit event has been reported and the unit has a status of O (Occupied) or V (Vacant) (refer to Occ? on the Building screen) the unit setup information cannot be edited by the owner/manager. Please review and edit the unit information prior to entering events. Contact your assigned compliance officer if unit information needs to be changed after a unit event has been reported.

2.04 Applicable Fraction Calculator

The Applicable Fraction Calculator (used for tax credit and Section 1602 properties only) designates how each unit is treated for purposes of calculating the required Applicable Fraction. This must be the same Applicable Fraction used to determine the building's tax credits for issuance of IRS form 8609. Once the Applicable Fraction has been set in PORT, changes can only be made by Minnesota Housing. Contact the assigned compliance officer if you notice an error.



The Applicable Fraction for buildings that were subject to compliance monitoring at the time PORT was implemented was set up by compliance staff using the Building Map submitted with the Placed in Service application (if a corrected Building Map was submitted, the most recent version was used). If the unit designation and resulting Applicable Fraction is not correct, contact the assigned compliance officer for correction.

The Applicable Fraction must be set up in PORT before the end of the first credit year.

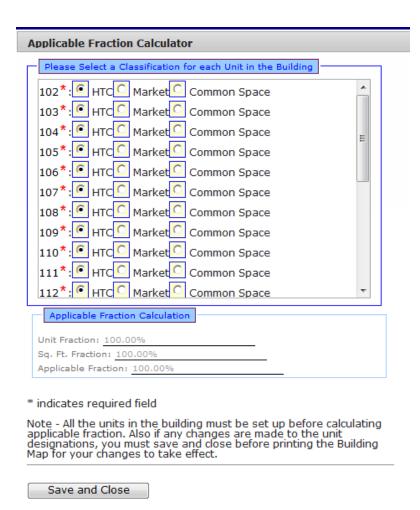


Because of the tax implications involved, Minnesota Housing strongly recommends that the property owner, not the management company, complete the Applicable Fraction Calculator. For new properties the manager may set up units and then the owner should complete the Applicable Fraction Calculator. Print the Building Map to submit with the Placed In Service Application.

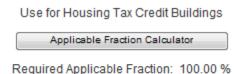
DO NOT MAKE CHANGES to the Applicable Fraction Calculator after the 8609 has been issued. If there is an error, contact the assigned compliance officer.



- 1. After all units have been set up, click the button titled, **Applicable Fraction Calculator** on the right side of the Building screen.
- 2. Click the radio button to designate HTC, Market, or Common Space for each unit.



- 3. When all units are designated HTC, Market, or Common Space, check the **Applicable Fraction Calculation** at the bottom of the screen to ensure the calculation is correct. If the Applicable Fraction does not calculate, check to be sure all units have been designated. The Applicable Fraction will not display a calculation until all units have been designated.
- 4. When finished, click **Save** and **Close**.
- 5. Click the hyperlink **Print Building Map** to print a copy of the HTC 28 for the building.
- 6. Repeat steps 1-5 for each building in the property.



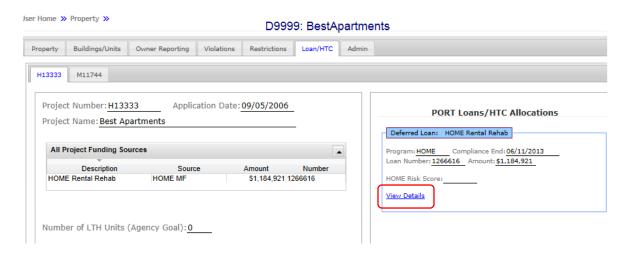
te - All the units in the building must be set up before calculating applicable fractio

Print Building Map

2.05 Loan/HTC

The **Loan/HTC** tab of PORT is where loan and tax credit allocation information are maintained. Owner/manager may view but not edit this data. If any information is incorrect or missing, contact the compliance officer assigned to the property.

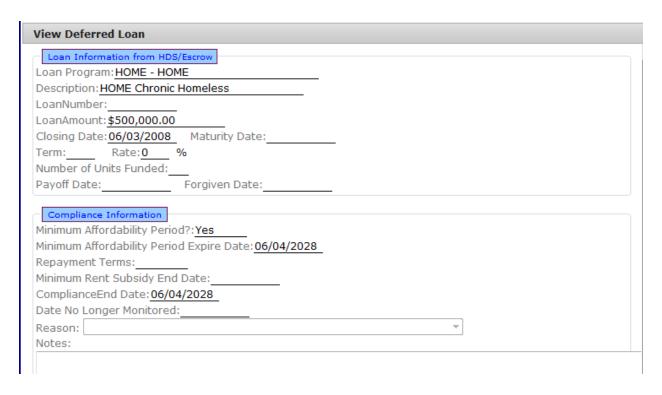
If the property owner applied for and received additional loan(s) or tax credit allocation(s) at different times, the loan information will be displayed under a separate tab. Each tab contains a funding application number assigned by Minnesota Housing (some funding application numbers are, "ML" this is simply reflective of applications that were received prior to implementation of Minnesota Housing's current production system).



Loan. Click the View Details link to see additional information for each loan. Under the section titled "Compliance Information," the following information is shown:

Minimum Affordability Period	This will be 'Yes' if a legal document (Repayment Agreement, Regulatory Agreement or Declaration) for this loan states that the property is subject to restrictions for a minimum period (usually 15 years), even if the loan is paid off earlier. PORT will display the Minimum Affordability Period Expire Date.
	This will be 'No' if the legal document does not require a Minimum Affordability Period.
Repayment Terms	This will be 'Repayable' if the legal document (Repayment Agreement and Mortgage, Note, or Combination Mortgage, Security Agreement and Fixture Financing Statement) requires repayment of the loan.
	This will be 'Forgivable' if repayment is not required at loan maturity. This includes loans that may be fully repayable for the

	first 10 or 20 years in the event of default and then forgiven in 5%
	or 10% increments thereafter until the maturity date.
Minimum Rent Subsidy	Some loans, particularly PARIF when it is used for preserving
Period End Date	federally assisted housing, are made with the condition that the
	owner continue to renew its rental assistance contract (usually
	Section 8, sometimes USDA Rural Development Rental
	Assistance) for a minimum period of time as long as renewals are
	made available by HUD or USDA RD. If the legal document
	(usually the Declaration) requires a MRSP, the end date is
	displayed here.
Compliance End Date	The date on which compliance with the loan's restrictions is no
	longer required. This is typically the same as the maturity date of
	the loan. Some loans such as HOME, however, have an
	"Affordability Period" or "Effective Period" that may be different
	than the loan maturity period.
	Note that for HOME properties, PORT will calculate and display a
	"System Calc Compliance End Date" based on the compliance
	start date and the number of years in the HOME affordability
	period. The same date will display in the Compliance End Date
	unless Minnesota Housing has extended the effective period. If
	Minnesota Housing has extended the effective period, end date
	of that extension period will be displayed.
No Longer Monitored	The No Longer Monitored Date and Reason will be populated only
Date and Reason	after the compliance officer confirms that one of the following is
Date and neason	true for the respective loan:
	Compliance obligations successfully fulfilled for full term
	2. Loan paid off /No Minimum Affordability Period
	3. Loan paid off/Minimum Affordability Period expired
	4. Agency approved owner's request for release
	5. Foreclosure by senior lien holder extinguished agency's
	restrictions
	6. Foreclosed by Minnesota Housing
	7. Unable to monitor due to uncorrectable noncompliance
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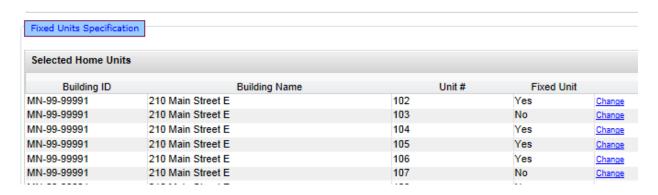
If loan documents contain provisions for household targeting and occupancy restrictions, the following will be populated:

Household Targeting & Occupancy Restrictions
Requires Family Preference
Required to serve Seniors 55+
Required to serve Seniors 62+
Requires Smoke Free Policy & Lease
Requires High Speed Internet
Requires Economic Integration
Requires Renewal of Rent Assistance Contract for term of MRSP
of units set aside and rented to People with Disabilities
of units set aside and rented to LTH households - targeting single adults
of units set aside and rented to High Priority Homeless Households - targeting youth or families
with children
of units set aside and rented to High Priority Homeless Households - targeting families with
children
of units set aside and rented to High Priority Homeless Households - targeting youth

If a loan is funded by HOME Rental Rehab, HOME Targeted, HARP, or NHTF, there will be an additional section with HOME/NHTF Information including whether the assisted units are Floating or Fixed.

	HOME Information
	- "
	Compliance Start Date: 6/4/2008
	Years of Compliance: 20
	System Calc Compliance EndDate: 06/04/2028
	IDIS Number: 4944
	Number of HOME Units: 6
	Date of HOME Written Agreement:
ļ	Units : O Floating Units

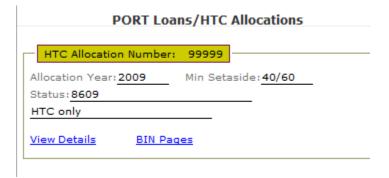
a. Fixed unit designation. The buildings and units will appear under a heading, Fixed Units Specification. Fixed units will have "Yes" in the Fixed Unit column.



b. Floating unit designation. A list of bedroom sizes will appear under a heading, Floating Units Specification, along with the corresponding number of required units for that particular bedroom size.

	Bedroom Size	# Home Units
0/Studio		
1 Bedroom		49
2 Bedroom		18
3 Bedroom		12
4 Bedroom		
5 Bedroom		
6 Bedroom		
7 Bedroom		
Bed		
SRO		

HTC Allocation. Click View Details to see the HTC Allocation detail screen:



HTC - Carry over/Prelim. Det.	Credit Types*:
	Newly constructed not federally subsidized
	Newly constructed federally subsidized
Allocation number*:	Rehabilitation expenditures not federally subsidized Rehabilitation expenditures federally subsidized
rear*:	Existing building
Supplemental nbrs:	☐ Not federally subsidized by reason of 40-50 rule
Credit pool:	Allocation subject to nonprofit set-aside under sec.42(h)(5)
Min set aside:	
10/50 Home Set Aside?:	Target Households
Owner waived right to qual. contract?:	D Elderly
ears owner agreed to waive right to QC:	Other
NOTE: If this is more than 30 years, owner has also agreed to	General Occupancy
longer Extended Use Period.	Families with Children
Qualified nonprofit required?:	Indv/Families of Color
Number of HPH units:	O Youth
	Single Men
Number of HTC (restricted) units*:	Single Women
Section 1602?: HTC only	
Section 1602 Recapture Fraction (%):	
Minimum Rent Subsidy Period (MRSP) Date:	
AAR Reint Colonting Restrictions	
QAP Point-Selection Restrictions	
Requires marketing to families Requires Economic Integration	
# of units set aside and rented to People with Disabilities:	
# of units with rents @ 30% for 5 years after PIS:	
# of units with rents @ 50% for 5 years after PIS: 0	
Notes;	
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Information is displayed as follows:

Field	
Allocation number	This is the HTC allocation number assigned by Minnesota Housing. For properties with multiple allocations being monitored together, it is the first assigned number. The first two digits show which QAP year the property received its credits (e.g., 13001 was awarded
Year	credits from the 2013 QAP year). This is the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) year in which the
	property was allocated credits. For properties with multiple allocations being monitored together the earliest year has been entered here.
Supplemental nbrs	This is the allocation number for any subsequent allocation(s). This applies to properties with multiple allocations that are monitored as one.
Credit Pool	This identifies the pool from which the credits were allocated.
Min Set-aside	This is either 40/60,20/50 or AIT (Average Income Test) from the Carryover and Declaration.
40/50 HOME set- aside	This will be 'Yes' if the property is subject to the per-building 40/50 income restriction due to the presence of below-market federal funds (HOME or NAHASDA). Properties allocated credits after 1/1/2009 are not subject to this requirement.
Owner Waived right to qual. Contract?	This will be 'Yes' if the Owner Waived its right to request a Qualified Contract after year 15 by selecting 'extended duration' points or because the QAP requires this for all allocations. This will be 'No' if owner retained that right.
Qualified Nonprofit Required?	This will be 'Yes' if the allocation is from the non-profit pool and the property is subject to material participation by a Qualified Non-Profit. This will be 'No' if the allocation is not from the non-profit pool.
Years Owner Agreed to Waive Right to QC	If Owner agreed to waive right to QC (indicated by Yes in Owner Waived right to qual. Contract field above) and this field is blank, owner has agreed to waive the right to request a QC for the full extended use period. If owner has committed to a shorter or longer period for which it waives the right to request a QC, the number of years will be displayed here.
Number of HPH Units	This will display the number of units required by the allocation of credits for households who meet the state definition of Long-Term Homelessness or High Priority Homeless. The respective box(es) will be checked if the HPH units are required to serve a Targeted Population of Singles, Youth, Families or N/A.
Number of HTC restricted units	This will display the total number of units subject to tax credit restrictions for the property.

Field	
Untitled Pull-down	There are a small number of properties that were funded with Section 1602 funds (and some of those also have tax credits) as a result of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act. This is where we identify those. If a property only has tax credits, it will display 'HTC only'. If a property has Section 1602 funds and tax credits, it will display '1602 and HTC'. If a property has 1602 funds with no tax credits, it will display '1602 only'.
Minimum Rent Subsidy Period (MRSP) Date	If this date is populated, owner has agreed to continue renewing its project based rental assistance contract through this date.
QAP Point Restrictions	These restrictions will be checked according to the conditions of the allocation as noted in the Preliminary Determination Letter or Carryover Agreement and confirmed in the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants. Refer to list below.
Credit Types	This is reflective of the type of activity the allocation of credit was used to fund (e.g., acquisition/rehab, rehab, or new construction).
Target Households	Checked boxes indicate those populations that owner has represented it will market to and, where known, the number of units owner has represented.

QAP Point Restrictions:

Requires marketing to families	This will be checked if the property is required to market to families with children because it received points for Large Family Housing or
	Access to Higher Performing Schools
Requires Economic	This will be checked if the owner received points for Economic
Integration	Integration.
# of units set aside	This will be checked and display the number of units required to be
and rented to People	rented to people with disabilities.
with Disabilities	
# of units with rents	This will be checked and display the number of units required to be
@30% for 5 years	rent restricted at 30% MTSP for 5 years after the Placed in Service
after PIS	date.
# of units with rents	This will be checked and display the number of units required to be
@50% for 5 years	rent restricted at 50% MTSP for 5 years after the Placed in Service
after PIS	date.
# of units with rents	This will be checked and display the number of units required to be
@50% for 10 years	rent restricted at 50% MTSP for 10 years after the Placed in Service
after PIS	date.
High Speed Internet	This will be checked if the property is required to have High Speed
	Internet.

# of units with rents	This will be checked and display the number of units required to be
@30% for full term	rent restricted at 30% MTSP for the full term of the Declaration.
of declaration	
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@50% for full term	rent restricted at 50% MTSP for the full term of the Declaration
of declaration	
Eventual Tenant	This will be checked if the owner received points for Eventual Tenant
Ownership	Ownership.
Smoke Free Policy	This will be checked if the owner is required to have a Smoke Free
	Policy.

The HTC Allocation Status is shown in blue at the top of the allocation screen. All HTC Allocations are initially set to a default status of "Carryover/Prelim. Det" to accommodate new allocations that will be set up after the Carryover Agreement or Preliminary Determination letter for TE bond deals is executed.



Allocation status will be changed according to the following events:

Condition	Status
Default status of allocation when initially set up. Owner may have	Carryover/Preliminary
placed building(s) in service but has not yet been issued IRS form	Determination
8609 from Minnesota Housing.	
Compliance Officer has received completed IRS form 8609(s) with	HTC - 8609
Part I completed and verified or updated PORT accordingly.	
Allocation is in the required 3-year tenant protection period due to any of the following:	3 year protection
 The Extended Use Period has expired; or In conjunction with a Qualified Contract request, the one-year period to find a purchaser has expired and owner has certified that no offer was made; or The property was foreclosed (and not redeemed during the redemption period) or owner provided a deed in lieu of foreclosure. 	
Minnesota Housing has ceased monitoring due to any of the following conditions:	No longer monitored
 The 3-year tenant protection period expired and the property is no longer subject to any HTC restrictions; or 	

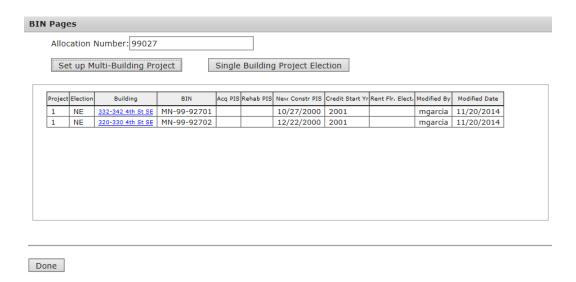
Condition	Status
 A new allocation has established its first credit year which replaces a previous allocation for the same property; or All reasonable efforts by Minnesota Housing to monitor for compliance have been made but owner is not responsive or fails to bring the property into compliance. All necessary decisions by Minnesota Housing's Clearinghouse Team have been made, reports have been sent to Owner, IRS, Treasury 	Status
and/or Minnesota Housing's Development team; and report of Developments Not in Good Standing has been updated	
and posted on the Minnesota Housing website.	

2. BIN Page

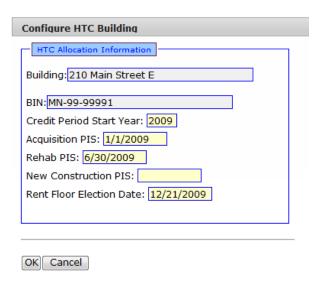


Because of the tax implications, only the owner's login has permission to complete BIN information and make the tax credit multiple building elections in PORT.

The BIN page is where the placed in service date(s) and first credit year associated with each building are stored and where the single or multiple-building election is made. Click the **BIN page** hyperlink to get to this screen:



a. Click the hyperlink on the building's address to open the building's BIN detail:



b. For each building, enter information using the following guide:

Field	Source	Instructions
Credit Period Start Year	Form 8609, Part II completed by Owner	Enter the first year of the credit period.
Acquisition PIS	Form 8609, Part II completed by Owner	If form 8609 has a check mark next to Existing building (line 6 box c), enter the placed in service date from line 5 here.
Rehab PIS	Form 8609, Part II completed by Owner	If form 8609 has a check mark next to Sec. 42(e) Rehabilitation expenditures federally subsidized or not federally subsidized (line 6, boxes d or e), enter the placed in service date from line 5 here.
New Construction PIS	Form 8609, Part II completed by Owner	If form 8609 has a check mark next to Newly constructed and federally subsidized or not federally subsidized (line 6 boxes a or b), enter the placed in service date from line 5 here.
Rent Floor Election	Statement and Election of Gross Rent Floor	Owners can elect to fix the gross rent floor on the date of Carryover/Preliminary Determination or on the Placed in Service date. If no election is made (no election form is submitted), enter the date of the

Field	Source	Instructions
		carryover agreement or preliminary determination letter.



The Placed in Service (PIS) Dates should be entered as soon as they are known. Notify the compliance officer by email when buildings are PIS so the appropriate MTSP tables can be set up for reporting unit events.

The Credit Period Start Year may be determined from the HTC 12 owner's certification for the first year of the credit period. The compliance officer will confirm all elections upon receipt of forms 8609 with Part II completed. The election of the first credit year is made on line 10a of form 8609. Owner begins the first credit year in the same year as the building is placed in service by checking No on line 10a. Owner begins the first credit year in the year following the year the building is placed in service by checking Yes.

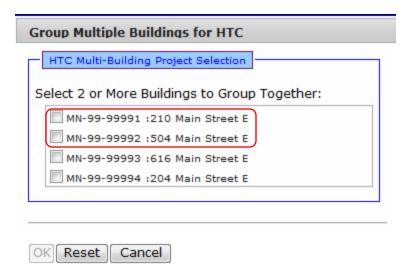
For buildings with both acquisition and rehab credits, use the elections on form 8609 for the rehab credits to determine the first credit year.

3. Multiple Building or Single Building Project Election: Once the BIN pages have been configured, this election can be set up. An "NE" in the election field means that No Election has been made. Once an election has been set up, that indicator will change to "M" for multiple-building projects, or "S" for a single-building project.



Under IRC, each building is treated as a separate project for purposes of the minimum set-aside and other project-related rules unless the owner makes a multiple building election on line 8b of form 8609. In order to properly make this election, IRS requires owners to attach a statement to their tax return listing the BIN numbers that are part of the same multiple-building project. This may be all buildings within a property, or only certain clusters of buildings.

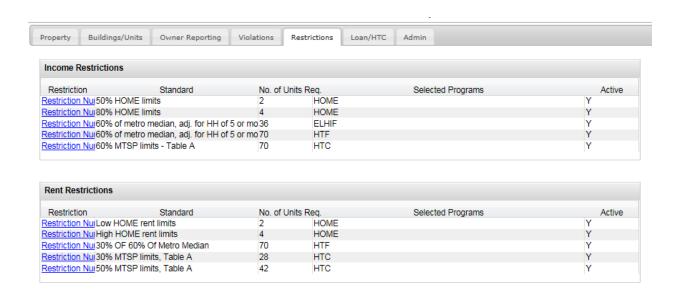
- a. In the BIN pages link, click Set up Multi-Building Project for buildings to be treated as one project, or Single Building Project Election for buildings to be treated as separate projects.
- b. Multi-building election Using forms 8609 and the required multi-building election attachment, indicate the buildings that are part of a multiple building project by clicking the box next to the building address. For example, to make BIN's MN-99-99991 and MN-99-99992 one project, check the boxes next to each respective BIN.



- c. Click OK. These buildings now contain a 1 next to the Building address indicating they are part of Project 1. To make other buildings part of project 2, 3, 4, etc., repeat steps for each Project. Buildings already made part of a previous multiple-building project are no longer available to make part of a different project.
- d. Single-building election Click the **Single Building Project Election** button and select the buildings to be treated as separate projects. Do this even if there is only one building in the property.



- e. If you make an error and select the wrong building(s) for either the multibuilding or single-building election, clicking the **Reset** button will allow you to start over.
- 4. **Restrictions Tab**: The Restrictions tab is where the income and rent restrictions for a property are set up. PORT will display the restriction standard(s), required number of units, corresponding program, and Y if the restriction is actively being monitored, or N if the restriction no longer applies to the property.



CAUTION

Minnesota Housing's income and rent restrictions are established by certain state or federal statutes, rules, board actions, and Agency policy. These restrictions are set for each property through such legal documents as a Loan Repayment Agreement and Mortgage, Regulatory Agreement, Declaration of Covenants, etc. Restrictions may cover all units in a property or only some units. However, the standards may not always be applied to the loan program for the rule that established the standard. For example, an EDHC loan may use a MTSP income and/or rent restriction. Check legal documents carefully to ensure the correct income and rent limits are used.

Income certifications (initial cert, recert, other cert) that will be entered by owners/managers utilize the restrictions set up here to calculate and display the income and rent limits for each program. Therefore, it is important that the correct restrictions be set up for the property. If you believe the restrictions are not correct, contact the assigned compliance officer.

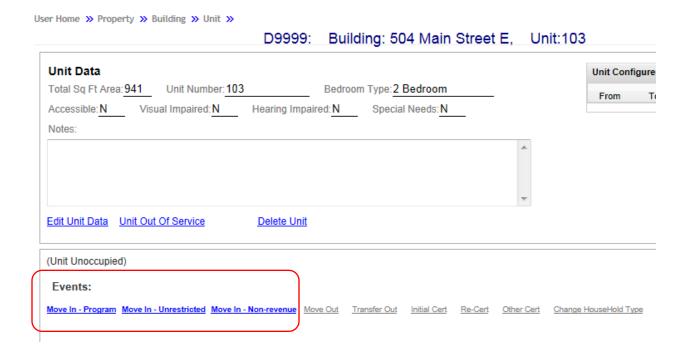
Chapter 3 – Reporting Unit Events

Minnesota Housing must be able to accurately monitor program compliance and analyze the results of its financing programs. Therefore, all unit events for all units in the property must be reported in PORT (i.e., report **all** move-ins, certifications, move-outs, unit transfers, etc.).

Properties that operate as emergency shelters where occupants may only stay for hours or days are exempt from reporting unit events. Check the **Property** tab under Property Type; if the Emergency Shelter box is checked, the property is not subject to reporting unit events. In addition, if the PBCA or TCA box is checked on the Property tab, submission of tenant data in PORT for deferred loans is not required unless the property is monitored by Minnesota Housing for Housing Tax Credits, HOME, or NHTF, or the number of Section 8 units is less than the number of units restricted by the deferred loan(s).



In the Building/Units tab, navigate to the building and unit to be reported. There are three types of move-in Events: Unrestricted, Non-revenue, and Program.





All fields in PORT with a red asterisk (*) are required fields. Error messages will appear if you do not enter the required information.

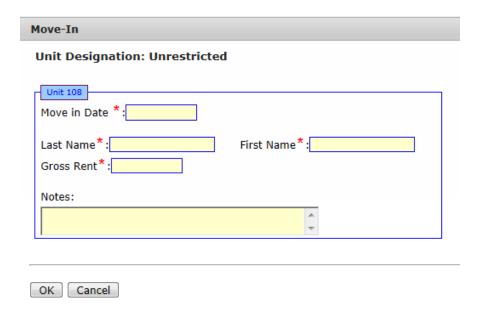


Minnesota Housing recommends that owners/managers report unit events as they occur. Do not wait until the end of the year to report unit events or you may find that you are unable to fulfill reporting requirements by the required deadline.

3.01 Move-in: Unrestricted

Report an unrestricted move-in (aka market rate) for units/households that do not, or are not required to, comply with any of Minnesota Housing's funding or allocation restrictions. Note that properties where 100% of the units are restricted by one or more Minnesota Housing funding source should not report any Unrestricted Move-ins.

1. Click the hyperlink **Move In – Unrestricted** to open the following detail box:

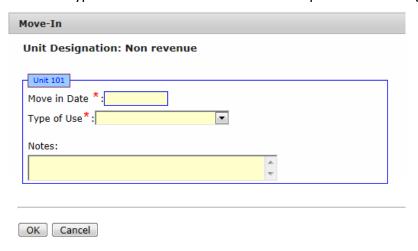


- 2. Enter the date the Unrestricted household actually moved in to the unit.
- 3. Enter the last name and first name of the head of household.
- 4. Enter the gross rent (lease rent) as of the move-in date.
- 5. Enter any notes you feel may be helpful.
- 6. Click OK.

3.02 Move-in: Non-Revenue Unit

Report a Non-revenue Unit for any unit that has been approved for use other than as rental (e.g., unit used for an office, on-site staff, computer lab, community center, etc.). For tax credit properties, these are known as "common space" units. Typically these units are not generating rental income, so they are referred to in PORT as Non-revenue units.

1. Click the hyperlink **Move-in Non-Revenue** to open the following detail box:



- 2. For Move-in Date, enter the date the unit became a Non-revenue Unit.
- 3. From the drop-down list, select the type of use: Site manager, site maintenance, site office, security officer, community center, services center, computer lab, or other.
- 4. Use notes to describe 'other' use and any other helpful information regarding the specific use of the unit.
- 5. Click OK.

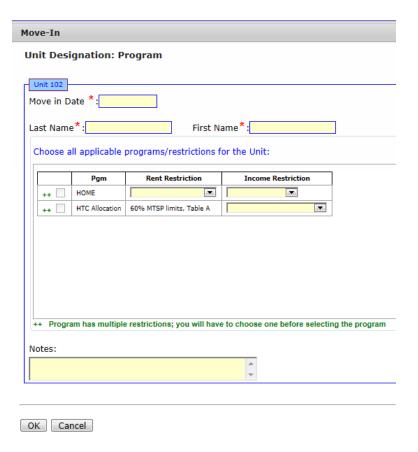
3.03 Move-in: Program

Report a Move-in - Program if the unit and its occupants comply with one or more of Minnesota Housing's loan(s) and/or tax credit allocation that financed the property (from the list of properties in scope for monitoring in PORT on page 5).

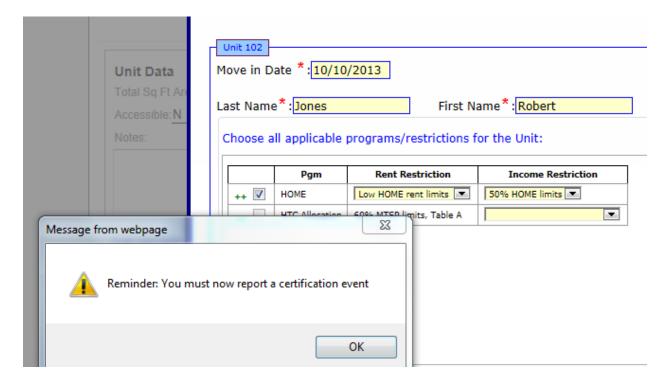


PORT will allow owner/manager to report a Move-in Program only for the Minnesota Housing loans/programs that have been set up in PORT. If you think any loan or restriction information is missing or incorrect, contact your compliance officer.

1. Click the hyperlink **Move-in Program**, to open the following detail box:



- 2. Enter the actual Move-in Date for the household.
- 3. Enter the Last Name and First Name of the Head of Household (i.e., the primary person in whose name the unit is rented). To protect the identity of victims of domestic violence or households with HIV/Aids in HOPWA units, PORT will accept initials or a client number (if using a client number, it is acceptable to use the same number for both the first and last name).
- 4. Choose all of the program(s) and restriction(s) for which you are reporting that this household qualifies by clicking in the box to the left of the program name. If a program has more than one available income and/or rent restriction (such as HOME which has 50% and 80% income limits and High HOME and low HOME rent limits) first select the restriction for which the household qualifies from the drop-down list and then click the box to the left of the program name. Check the **Restrictions** tab to see how many units are restricted for each program that financed the property and make sure you have the correct number of units reported.
- 5. Use the Notes field for any helpful move-in information.
- 6. Click OK.
- System will display a reminder that a certification event must now be reported. Click **OK**and then proceed to report an Initial Certification, Re-Certification or Other Certification
 (refer to instructions below).



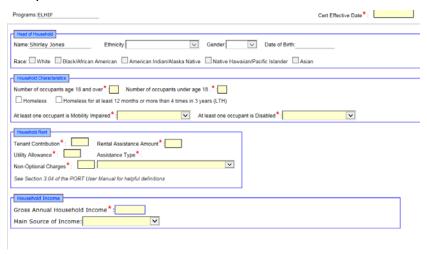
3.04 Report an Initial Certification

After reporting a 'Move-in Program', the hyperlinks for other events, including the certifications, will be activated. Report an Initial Certification for the first certification of a program-eligible household. The Initial Certification determines eligibility for the respective funding program(s).



- Click the hyperlink Init Cert to activate the detail box.
- 2. There are two different data entry screens. If the household is reported as being HOME, NHTF, HOPWA, tax credits, TCAP, Section 1602, and/or MARIF eligible, the certification data entry form requires more detail than for other programs. This guide will refer to the certification data entry form with less detail as the 'Summary Cert' and the one with more detail as the 'Detailed Cert.'

Summary Cert. If the reported program is something other than HOME, NHTF, HOPWA, tax credits, TCAP, Section 1602, or MARIF, clicking the **Init Cert** link will open the following data entry box:



- 1. Cert Effective Date. Enter the date on which the household is determined to be initially eligible for the program(s) reported. This date cannot be earlier than the move-in date.
- 2. You will be prompted later to complete the blue box titled **Head of Household**.

Under the blue box titled 'Household Characteristics', enter the number of occupants age 18 and over, the number of occupants under age 18 (enter zero if there are no children residing in the unit), check the box next to Homeless if the household was homeless prior to occupancy, check High Priority Homeless for households who meet Minnesota Housing's definition of (i) LTH, (ii) at significant risk of LTH, or (iii) as prioritized for permanent supportive housing by Coordinated Entry.

3. Complete the fields for Mobility Impaired, and/or Disabled (e.g., not mobility impaired but otherwise disabled), as appropriate for the household.



Data fields with a red asterisk are required fields. Note that residents are not required to provide answers to questions about protected class status (i.e., ethnicity, mobility impaired, disability), so "Tenant did not respond," is one of the options. Please encourage full participation; this important information is used by Minnesota Housing for program and policy assessment.

- 4. Under the blue box titled 'Household Rent':
 - a. Tenant Contribution. Enter the amount of the monthly rent payment that the household is responsible to pay.
 - b. Utility Allowance for the utilities paid for by the tenant for the size and type of unit from the current utility allowance source document. Note that utility allowance source documentation must be updated at least annually. Enter zero if the landlord pays all utilities.
 - c. Non-optional Charges. Enter the amount that is required to be paid, in addition to rent, as a condition of occupancy such as mandatory renter's insurance, mandatory laundry fees, etc. Enter zero if there are no mandatory charges.
 - d. Rental Assistance Amount. Enter the amount of governmental rental assistance (e.g., Section 8, Rural Development RA, etc.) paid on behalf of the household. Enter zero if there is no governmental rental assistance.
 - e. Assistance Type. Select the appropriate rental assistance type:
 - HUD Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), tenant-based
 - HUD Project-Based Voucher (PBV)
 - HUD Multi-Family Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) (Includes: Section 8
 New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation; Section 8 Loan Management;

Section 8 Property Disposition; Section 202 Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRAC))

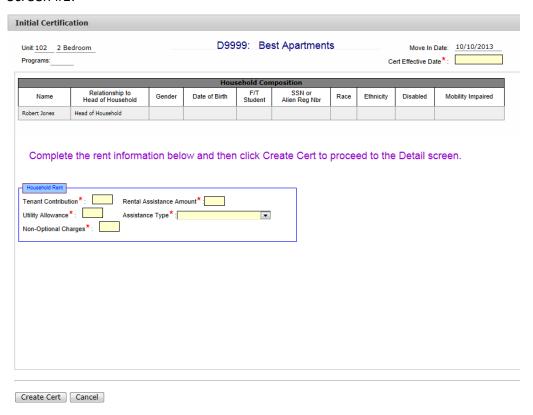
- HUD Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation
- USDA Section 521 Rental Assistance Program (aka Rural Development Rental Assistance)
- State or Local Government Rental Assistance (includes Housing Support formerly GRH)
- Public Housing Operating Subsidy
- HOME Rental Assistance
- Other Federal Rental Assistance
- 5. Under the blue box titled 'Household Income', from the Initial Occupancy Statement by Tenant form completed by the tenant, enter the Gross Annual Household Income from all sources. From the drop-down list, select the Main Source of Income reported by the household on the Head of Household Demographic Information form or the rental application.
- 6. Click **Create Cert**.
- 7. Complete the popup titled 'Edit/Change Head of Household.' From the Head of Household Demographic Information form completed by the applicant/tenant, enter the reported Ethnicity, Gender, Date of Birth and Race of the Head of Household (if Head of Household identifies him or herself as having more than one race, check all that apply).
- 8. Click Save.



Since gross annual household income for programs that use the summary cert is selfcertified on the Initial Occupancy Statement by Tenant form, PORT does not offer a printed certification form.

Detail Cert. If the reported program is HOME, NHTF, HOPWA, tax credits, Section 1602, TCAP, and/or MARIF, there are two data entry screens to complete.

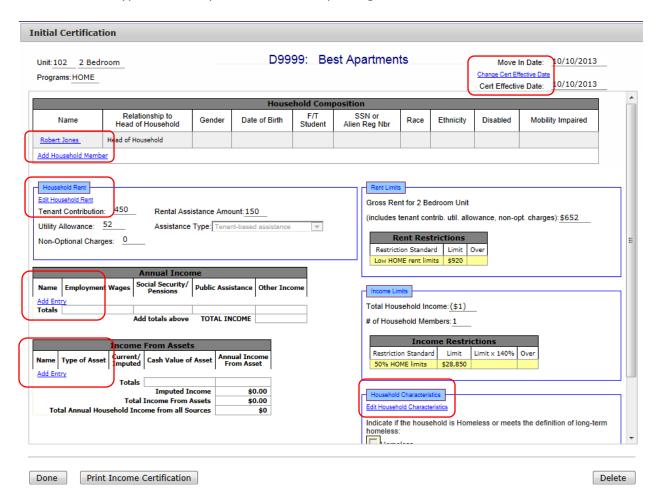
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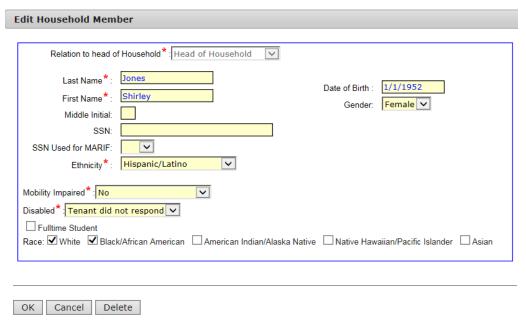
- 1. **Certification Effective date**. Enter the date on which the household is determined to be eligible for the program(s) reported. This date cannot be earlier than the move-in date.
- 2. **Tenant Contribution**. Enter the amount of the rent payment that the household is responsible for under the lease.
- 3. **Utility Allowance** for the utilities paid for by the tenant for the size and type of unit from the current utility allowance source document. Note that utility allowance source documentation must be updated at least annually. Enter zero if the landlord pays all utilities.
- 4. **Non-optional Charges**. Enter the amount that is required to be paid, in addition to rent, as a condition of occupancy such as mandatory renter's insurance, mandatory laundry fees, etc. In addition, for tax credit properties that have included the cost of constructing parking/garages, storage lockers, or any other tenant facilities in eligible basis and where owner charges for such facilities, enter the monthly amount the tenant pays for the garage, storage locker, etc. Enter zero if there are no mandatory charges.
- 5. **Rental Assistance Amount**. Enter the amount of governmental rental assistance (e.g., Section 8, Rural Development RA, etc.) paid on behalf of the household. Enter zero if there is no governmental rental assistance.
- 6. **Assistance Type**. Select the appropriate rental assistance type:
 - HUD Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), tenant-based

- HUD Project-Based Voucher (PBV)
- HUD Multi-Family Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) (Includes: Section 8 New Construction/Substantial Rehabilitation; Section 8 Loan Management; Section 8 Property Disposition; Section 202 Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRAC))
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- 7. Click Create Cert to go to screen #2.

Screen #2 has hyperlinks to open the various reporting areas:



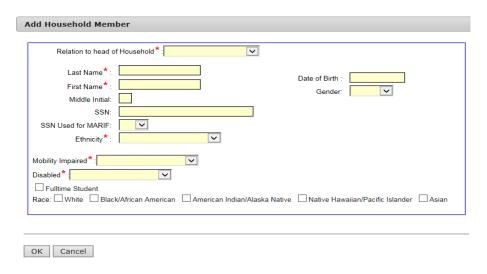
1. Click **Name of the Head of Household**. Complete the information in the Household Member data entry screen.





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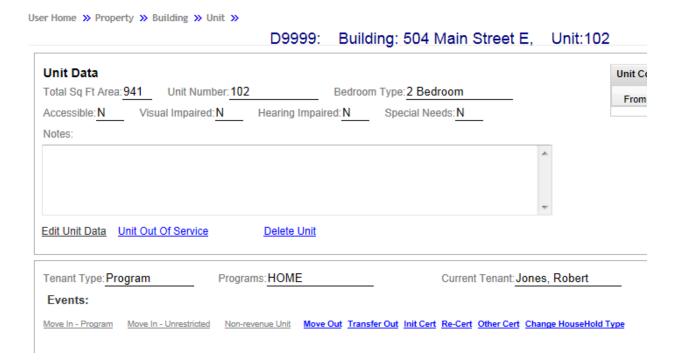
2. Click Add Household Member hyperlink to report additional occupants of the unit.



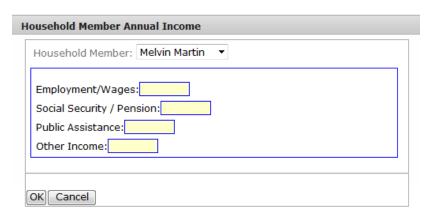
3. For each household member, enter the detail required and requested, including the relation to the head of household. There cannot be more than one head of household per unit.



For units reporting as MARIF eligible, select Yes, for 'SSN Used for MARIF' for the MFIP-eligible household member (or head of household if not MFIP eligible, but income eligible). Refer to MARIF Program Guide for further explanation, which can be found at www.mnhousing.gov/sites/multifamily/marif.



4. Under Annual Income, click the hyperlink titled **Add Entry** to open the data entry box:

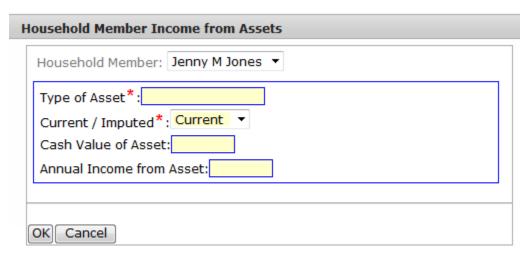


- 5. Select the **Household Member** from the dropdown menu, and enter the following that is attributable to that member:
 - a. **Employment/Wages** enter the annual amount of wages, salaries, tips, commissions, bonuses and other income from employment; distributed profits and/or net income from a business.
 - b. **Social Security/Pension** enter the annual amount of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, pensions, military retirement, etc.
 - c. **Public Assistance** enter the annual amount of income received from public assistance such as MFIP, GA, disability, etc.
 - d. **Other Income** enter the annual amount of alimony, child support, unemployment benefits, regular gifts from persons not living unit the unit, and any other income regularly received by the household.
- 6. Repeat #5 for each household member with reportable income, including unearned income of minors.



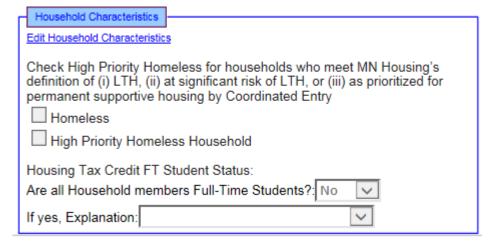
Refer to the respective program guide and/or HUD Handbook 4350.3 for complete instructions on verifying and calculating annual income and income from assets.

7. Under Income from Assets, click the **Add Entry** hyperlink to open the following data entry box:



- 8. Select the Household Member from the dropdown menu, and enter the following that is attributable to that member:
 - a. **Type of Asset** enter a description of the asset (e.g., savings, checking, trust, bonds, Certificate of Deposit, etc.). If there is more than one asset of a particular type it only needs to be listed once.

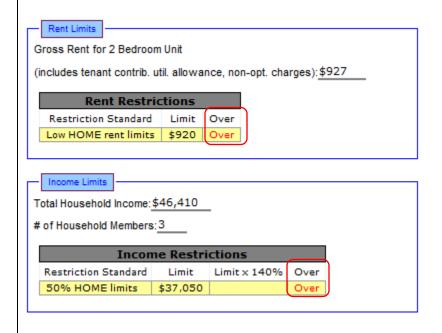
- b. **Current/Imputed** select Current if the person currently holds the asset. Select Imputed if the person disposed of the asset for \$1000 less than the fair market value within two years of the certification effective date.
- c. Cash Value of Asset enter the cash value (market value minus the cost of converting the asset to cash) of the respective asset. Remember if you are reporting a total of 5 Certificates of Deposit, this would be the cash value of all 5 C/Ds.
- d. **Annual Income from Asset** enter the anticipated annual income from the identified asset. Again, if you're reporting 5 Certificates of Deposit, this would be the total anticipated annual income from all 5 C/Ds.
- 9. Repeat #8 for each household member with assets.
- 10. If total cash value of assets is more than \$5000, PORT will perform the imputed calculation and use the higher of the two to calculate the Gross Annual Household Income.
- 11. Under the blue heading, **Household Characteristics**, click the **Edit Household Characteristics** hyperlink to open the data entry box:



- 12. Click the box titled **Homeless** if the household was homeless prior to occupancy.
- 13. Check the box titled **High Priority Homeless** for households who meet Minnesota Housing's definition of (i) Long-Term Homelessness (LTH), (ii) at significant risk of LTH, or (iii) as prioritized for permanent supportive housing by Coordinated Entry.
- 14. If the household is being reported as a qualified tax credit household, select Yes or No to the question "Are all Household members Full-Time Students?". If yes, select the exemption under which the household qualifies. Select N/A for units not subject to Section 42 restrictions on full-time student households.



When all data entry is inputted, check the **Income and Rent Restrictions** sections on the right-hand side of the screen. PORT compares the reported household income and rent to the income and rent limit standards required by the reported program(s) for the household and unit size. PORT will not prevent an owner/manager from moving in or reporting an ineligible household. However, it will indicate if the income and/or rent is over the limit as in this example:



Refer to Section 3.11 if you need to correct a data entry error.

- 15. Click **Print Income Certification** button to print a PDF of the completed Tenant Income Certification for household and owner/manager to sign, date, and place in the tenant file along with the certification's supporting documentation.
- 16. Click the **Done** button to complete the reporting and close the data entry screen.

3.05 Report a Recertification

A Recertification must be reported for all occupied units that have a Move-in Program at least annually on or before the anniversary of the effective date of the previous year's certification.

A recertification will always require updating rent and other information that has changed from the previous certification and for some programs will also include recertifying income.

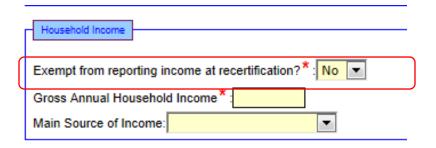
1. Click the **Re-Cert** hyperlink to open the Summary Cert or Detail Cert described in Section 3.04, above.

- 2. For convenience, PORT copies some of the household information from the most recent reported certification. Enter the effective date of the recertification and update all household and rent information.
- 3. There is an additional question for recertifications, which asks, "Exempt from reporting income at recertification?" This is pre-set to "No", which means the owner/manager will be required to report the household's gross annual household income for the certification date. MARIF, HOPWA, HOME, NHTF, mixed-income tax credits, and/or Section 1602 projects are required to certify and report income annually, so "No" is the correct selection for those types of properties/units, and entry of the gross annual household income is required. Select "Yes" if the unit is not required to annually recertify income because, 1) the unit is part of a 100% low income housing tax credit project and no other Minnesota Housing loan requires annual recertification, and/or 2) the unit was financed solely with a Minnesota Housing deferred loan(s) that only requires certification of income at initial occupancy. Selecting "Yes" allows the recertification to be completed without entering the gross annual household income.

Location of question on Detail Cert:

Tenant Contribution*: Rental Assistance Amount*: Utility Allowance*: Non-Optional Charges*:	
Exempt from reporting income at recertification?*: No	

Location of guestion on Summary Cert:





By selecting "No" and entering \$0 for gross annual household income, you are reporting that income of the household has been recertified and that the gross annual household income is \$0.

3.06 Other Cert

Report an **Other Cert** 1) when an additional household member is added to an existing tax credit, Section 1602, HOME, or NHTF unit's household or 2) for all program units in conjunction with a unit transfer to report the updated rent information (refer to Section 3.07 Report a Unit Transfer, below). If an annual recertification is already reporting this information, it is not necessary to also report an Other Cert.

1. Click the **Other Cert** hyperlink.

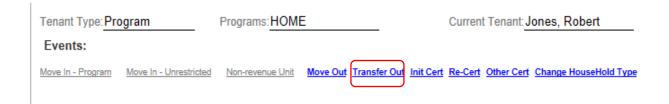


2. Follow the data entry instructions in Section 3.04, above.

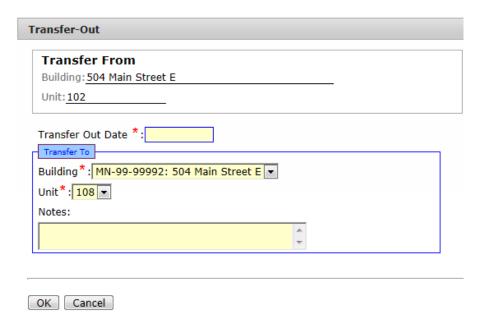
3.07 Unit Transfer

For all properties, report a unit transfer when an existing household moves from one unit to another in the same building. For non-tax credit properties, a unit transfer can be reported when an existing household moves to another unit in another building in the same property. For tax credits, transfers to another building are treated as a move-out/move-in unless both buildings involved in the transfer are part of the same multiple-building project (the multibuilding election is made on IRS forms 8609 and the associated attachment). Check the BIN pages in PORT to see if a multiple-building election has been made.

1. Click the **Transfer Out** hyperlink for the unit the household is vacating.



2. The following data entry box will appear:

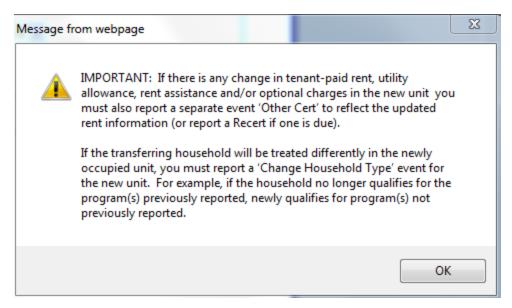


- 3. **Transfer Out Date**: Enter the date the household is vacating the unit.
- 4. From the drop-down list, select the building that the household is transferring to. If the household is transferring within the same building, do not select another building.
- 5. Select the unit that the household is transferring to.



PORT will not allow a transfer to an occupied unit. If a unit does not appear in the dropdown list, a move-out has not been reported.

- 6. Enter any helpful notes.
- 7. Click **OK** and the following reminder will appear:

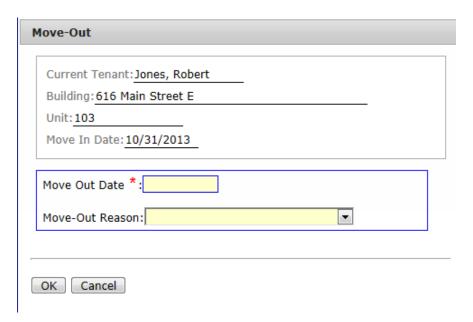


- 8. Check the new unit to ensure the transfer was successful. It will appear as a "Transfer in."
- 9. If necessary report Change Household Type and/or a certification in the new unit.

3.08 Move-out

Report a move out when a household moves completely off the property, a unit changes use from/to a non-revenue unit, or for tax credit properties, when a household moves to another building that is not part of the same multiple building project (in this case, also report a move-in and initial certification for the new building/unit).

1. Click the **Move-Out** hyperlink to open the following data entry box:



- 2. Enter the Move-out Date.
- 3. Enter the reason for the move-out from the list provided. MARIF units and units reported to meet Minnesota Housing's definition of Long-Term Homeless are required to enter a move-out reason. While not required for other programs, Minnesota Housing encourages owners/managers to identify the move-out reason for all units.
- 4. Click OK.



PORT will not allow two households to occupy the same unit on the same day. The Move-out date for an existing household must be earlier than the date on which the next household moves in or is transferred in.

3.09 Change Household Type

Report a change in household type when an existing household has a change in eligibility. Here are some possible change-in-eligibility scenarios:

Original Status	Changes to
Unrestricted Household	A Program eligible Household (becomes
	eligible for tax credit, HOME, or other
	program).
Program eligible household	An Unrestricted Household (no longer
	program eligible or program compliant).
Program eligible for multiple programs	No longer eligible for all programs reported
	(e.g., MARIF and HOME unit no longer eligible
	for HOME but remains MARIF eligible).
Program eligible household	Becomes eligible for additional programs or
	different restrictions within the program (e.g.,
	reported HOME eligible, but now also
	becomes tax credit eligible, or HOME 50%
	income and low HOME rent becomes 80%
	income and high HOME rent).



Change to/from a Nonrevenue unit must be reported as a move-out and move-in.

1. Click the **Change Household Type** hyperlink to open the data entry box:



- 2. Enter the Effective Date of the Change.
- 3. Change to: If changing from Program to Unrestricted or vice-versa, select the applicable type.
- 4. Select all applicable Rent, Income and Program(s) **that the unit now qualifies for**. This may mean checking or unchecking a program and/or changing a restriction.
- If changing to Unrestricted, you will be required to enter the new Gross Rent for the unit.
- 6. Enter any helpful notes.
- Click **OK**.

3.10 Unit Out of Service/Back in Service

Report a unit out of service if the unit is not suitable for occupancy (regardless of the reason and regardless of whether it was occupied or vacant when it became uninhabitable) for more than one rental period. Notify the assigned compliance officer by phone or email within 30 days of any casualty loss, such as units damaged by storms, fire, or flood.



1. Click the **Unit Out of Service** hyperlink to open the data entry box:



- 2. Enter the date the unit became uninhabitable.
- 3. Select the reason the unit is not habitable from the list provided: Fire, Flood, Storm/Natural Disaster, Tenant damage, Unit being rehabbed, or Other.
- 4. Enter Notes to explain "Other" and any helpful information, including additional details about the damage and timeline for repairs.
- 5. Click OK.



If the unit was occupied and the same household will <u>not</u> be returning to the unit, report a move-out or transfer out.

- 6. To report a unit back in service, click the **Unit Back In Service** hyperlink.
- 7. Update the notes regarding what was done to repair the unit and any other helpful information.

- 8. Enter the date the unit was made suitable for occupancy.
- 9. If it is a tax credit unit with a casualty loss, notify the compliance officer, as they must file a corrective form 8823 with IRS.
- 10. Click **OK**.

3.11 Correcting Errors

By February 15 of each year, owners are required to submit the annual owner certifications and unit events for the prior calendar year (e.g., 2/15/2019 is the due date for submission of owner certifications and unit events for monitoring year 2018). This information is then reviewed for compliance by the assigned compliance officer.



Minnesota Housing recommends that you report unit events *as they occur*. Do not wait until the end of the year to report unit events or you may risk not meeting the February 15 reporting deadline.

PORT has been built with correction/edit capabilities. With this kind of flexibility, however, comes a lot of caution. It is extremely important that the information in PORT be accurate and correct on 2/15. It is expected that owners/managers will make all necessary edits prior to 2/15 and that only after contacting the assigned compliance officer or in conjunction with a correction or clarification of a monitoring finding will any edits be made after 2/15.

In most cases, clicking on the *detail* hyperlink for the event reported opens the data entry screen and information can simply be edited by the owner/manager. PORT displays the login name of the user who last modified each event and the date last modified.



PORT also allows the owner/manager to delete events. This might be necessary if a household is inadvertently reported in an incorrect unit, a reported household did not actually move-in, a reported household did not actually move-out or transfer, etc. However, the ability for the owner to delete an event reported in a particular year ends on February 15 of the following year. For example, an event reported with a 7/1/2018 effective date cannot be deleted by the owner/manager after 2/15/2019.



Events must be deleted in chronological order. You cannot, for example, delete a movein when a certification has been reported for the household. The certification must first be deleted and then the move-in; the result is a vacant unit.

3.12 Run Event Summary Report

The **Building** tab contains a hyperlink that allows the owner/manager to run a summary of unit events in Excel.



- 1. Click the link.
- 2. Certify that you have written permission from each tenant household to share their data with the person or entity (e.g., lender, suballocator, or other person/entity that is not part of the ownership or management company) that will receive a copy of the Unit Event Summary Report. If you have such written permission or are not intending to share the data, you should select 'Yes' when prompted with the certification statement.
- 3. Enter the report start and end date for the range of event dates you are requesting data, and click **Create**.
- 4. The bottom of your screen will display a message that asks if you want to open or save the Unit Event Summary.



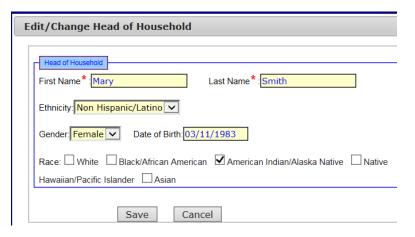
The Unit Event Summary contains private data on tenants which must be handled in accordance with data privacy laws. If you do not have written permission to share the data with the person or entity with whom you intend to share the report, you must answer 'No' to the certification statement and you will be unable to run the report. Obtain a copy of the required release form from the person, lender, or company, have all tenant households sign a form, and then you may answer 'Yes' to the certification statement and run the Unit Event Summary Report. We recommend you maintain the signed release form in each respective tenant file.

3.13 Edit/Change Head of Household (HoH)

Household member information can be edited after a certification event is created. For detail certifications, make the name/member change first and then enter the respective income and asset information.

Summary Cert:

- 1. Open the certification event.
- 2. Click the Edit/Change Head of Household link.
- 3. Change the name in the Edit/Change Head of Household screen.
- 4. Click Save.



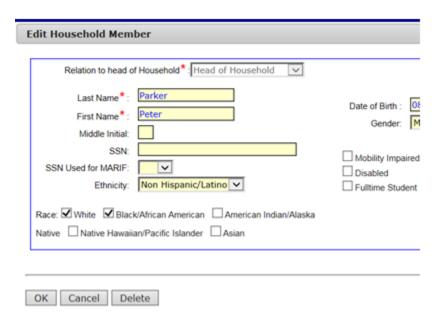
Detail Cert: Change the name of the HoH

- 1. Open the certification event.
- 2. Click the HoH name.
- 3. Change the name in the Edit Household Member screen.
- 4. Click OK.

Detail Cert: Change HoH to a different or new member

- 1. Open the certification event.
- 2. Click the HoH name.
- 3. Click the **Delete** button.
- 4. A warning will appear asking you to confirm and noting that any associated income/asset entries for this person will also be removed. Click **OK** to confirm.
- 5. Click the name of the member you want to make the new HoH (or, click **Add a Household Member** to add a new HoH to the household).
- 6. Select 'Head of Household' in the pull-down menu for Relation to head of Household.

7. Click OK.



Chapter 4 – Annual Owner Certification Submission Site, Owner Reporting Tab, and Property Operating Data

4.01 Annual Owner Certification Submission Site

On or before February 15 of each year (or the next business day, whichever is later), owners must submit their certification of compliance for tax credits, HOME, NHTF, and/or Minnesota Housing's deferred loans for the previous monitoring year (e.g., owner certifications for monitoring year 2014 were due on 2/17/2015).

From 2014 to 2019, the **Owner Reporting** tab contained these forms and history of submissions. Beginning with 2020 certifications, owners must complete the certifications in the Annual Owner Certification Submission Site (AOC Submission Site). The AOC Submission Site is separate from but connected to PORT. The AOC Submission Site link is available only to the property owner using the Owner or OAA login; it will not be visible to Minnesota Housing staff, or to Management or Site Management accounts.

To access the AOC Submission Site, log in to the Global Sign-on and click the **Annual Owner Certification Submission Site** link (not the PORT link).

Authorized Applications

- PORT
- Annual Owner Certification Submission Site

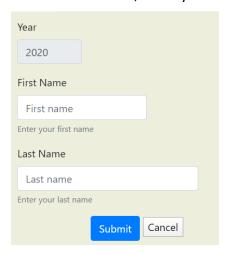
You will see a screen similar to the one below or, if your login allows access to multiple properties, you will see a list of your properties. If you have a list of properties, click the link for any property to get to the screen, as indicated below. Read the important information carefully, then click the **Begin Annual Owner Certification** link.

Begin Annual Owner Certification for 2020

Before you begin, note the following IMPORTANT information:

- 1. Consult the PORT User Guide for detailed instructions.
- 2. Once the certification has been started you may stop at any time by clicking the "Leave" button, and the system will save your work.
- 3. When you log back in, you will be directed to where you left off.
- 4. If you make a mistake, *you will be required to start over*. Read each certification statement carefully. Click the ?Help for help on how to answer. You can print the existing certification by clicking on the "Print" link so you know what has been previously entered.
- 5. You will be presented with a "Submit" button only after all certification statements have been answered and, where applicable, the Applicable Fraction Certification and Average Income Test Certification have been completed.
- 6. Minnesota Housing staff will be unable to view your certification until you have clicked the Submit button.
- 7. Once you click Submit, you will see the certification in the History, but you will not be able to make changes. Contact the assigned Compliance Officer if you discover an error after you click Submit.

On the next screen, enter your first name and last name. Click the **Submit** button.



Deferred Loan Owner Certification: If the property has a deferred loan for which a certification is required, you will be presented with deferred loan certification statements. If your property also has a Minnesota Housing amortizing first mortgage or only has housing tax credits, you will not be presented with deferred loan certification statements. The certification begins by asking you to indicate whether the property is occupied or unoccupied. Select Occupied if one or more units is occupied. Select unoccupied if no units are occupied.

If you select unoccupied, you will only be asked to certify that the statements you made were true and that you have the authority to submit the annual owner certification.

All answers to the preceding certification statements, including any documentation submitted to support this Annual Owner's Certification, are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I have the requisite authority to submit this Annual Owner's Certification.

■ True

If you select occupied, you will be prompted to complete all Deferred Loan Owner Certification statements. Refer to Exhibit A, below, for a list of the Deferred Loan Owner Certification Statements.

False responses will require you to explain why the property is not in compliance and what action you are taking to correct the noncompliance. Be detailed and specific in your explanations both for why the project is not in compliance and what actions you are taking to correct the noncompliance. If the noncompliance is already corrected, include the date of correction. If the noncompliance is not already corrected, include the date you expect the noncompliance to be corrected.

	○ True	False	
Explain why Project is not in co	ompliance with this req	uirement and what action owner is taking to	
			1

If the property does not also have tax credits, skip the next section and follow the instructions below to Submit the Certification to Minnesota Housing.

Housing Tax Credit Owner Certification of Continuing Program Compliance: If the property has a deferred loan and housing tax credits, the screens with the housing tax credit certification statements will automatically follow the last deferred loan certification statement. If the property does not have a deferred loan, you will start here.

You will first be prompted to select which one of the below statements is true for the project. Once you make the selection, you will be prompted to complete the certification statements appropriate to the status of the allocation(s) for the property. It is very important that you

make the correct selection. If you have any questions about which option you should select, contact the assigned compliance officer before you begin.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Owner's Certification of Continuing Program Compliance From the following options, select which one is true for the project:

- The certification year is 1-15 of the compliance period for the property's tax credit allocation(s) and/or Section 1602.
- The certification year is 16 or later for the property's tax credit allocation(s) and/or Section 1602 (i.e., the 15-year compliance period has expired for all allocations).
- The certification year is 16 or later for the property's tax credit allocation(s) and/or Section 1602 AND the property is subject to monitoring by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (i.e., the 15-year compliance period has expired for all allocations and the property is subject to HUD Management and Occupancy (MOR) reviews and Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) inspections and/or USDA Rural Development's Supervisory Reviews).
- Property has one tax credit allocation. It has not placed any buildings in service or has placed buildings in service but Owner is certifying that this certification year is not the first credit year.
- Property received an allocation of tax credits or Section 1602, and in later years received a subsequent allocation of tax credits (resyndication). The first allocation and/or Section 1602 is in year 16 or later, and the resyndication has not yet placed buildings in service or has placed buildings in service but Owner is certifying that this certification year is not the first credit year.
- All tax credit allocations and/or Section 1602 are in the three-year tenant protection period following completion of the qualified contract period, legitimate foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure, or expiration of the extended use period.

Refer to Exhibit B for a complete list of HTC certification statements. Note that only the relevant certification statements will appear, based on which selection you made from the options above.

False responses will require you to explain why the property is not in compliance and what action you are taking to correct the noncompliance. Be detailed and specific in your explanations both for why the project is not in compliance and what actions you are taking to correct the noncompliance. If the noncompliance is already corrected, include the date of correction. If the noncompliance is not already corrected, include the date you expect the noncompliance to be corrected.

At initial occupancy, Owner has received a Tenant Income Certification from each low-income resident and documentation to support that certification, and if applicable, at annual recertification, Owner has received a Tenant Income Certification and documentation to support that certification True False Explain why Project is not in compliance with this requirement and what action owner is taking to correct



Reminder: You must submit any items noted on the certification (e.g., inspection reports, fair housing violation reports). Use the <u>Secure Upload Tool</u> and send to <u>mhfa.compliance@state.mn.us</u>. Include the D number, Property Name, and the Name of the assigned compliance officer in the subject line. Please notify the compliance officer by email if you use the Secure Upload Tool, as they do not receive notification from this system.

Applicable Fraction Certification: If you indicated that the tax credit allocation is in the 15-year compliance period or the extended use period, you will be required to complete the Applicable Fraction Certification. Click the **Begin Applicable Fraction Certification** link.



Enter the unit fraction and square foot fraction for each building as of the end of the taxable year for which you are certifying. PORT will record the lesser of the two for the Applicable Fraction for the year.

Bldg Nbr	Bldg Name	Unit Fraction	SqFt Fraction	Applicable Fraction	Reqd Applicable Fraction	Exception
MN-05-94001	230 3rd St W	100	100	100%	100.00	

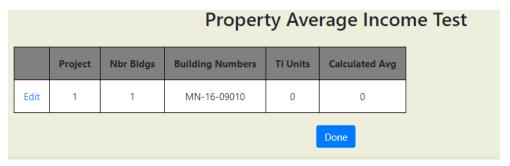
Average Income Test (AIT) Certification:

For properties that have elected the AIT minimum set-aside for housing tax credits, owners must first complete the single or multiple building election in the BIN pages before completing the AIT Certification. Refer to Section 2.05 of this PORT User Guide for instructions on completing the BIN pages.

To complete the AIT Certification, click the **Average Income Test Certification** link in the AOC Submission Site (this link only appears for properties where the Average Income Test is selected in the HTC Allocation details in PORT).



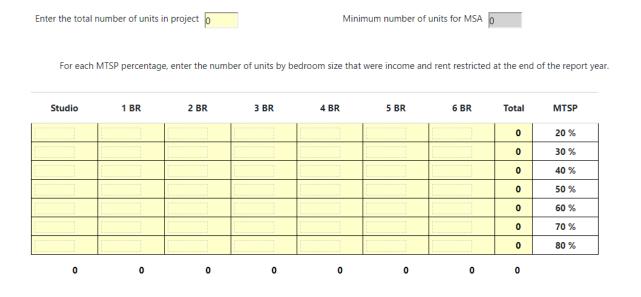
1. Click the Edit link.



Enter the total number of units in all the BINs in the identified project. PORT will calculate and display the minimum number of units needed to meet the Minimum Set-Aside (MSA).



- 3. For each MTSP percentage, enter the number of units by bedroom size that were income and rent restricted at the end of the report year for the project. PORT will calculate the imputed average. If the calculated average is below 60 percent, the indicator will stay green. If the calculated average exceeds 60 percent, the indicator will turn red indicating that the project is not in compliance with the imputed average.
- 4. Repeat the process to certify the AIT for all other projects within the property.



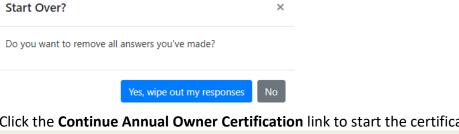
Calculated Average 0.00%

Correcting errors: Once you have clicked **Continue** on any screen, you cannot go back to previous screens to make corrections. Using the back arrow will return you to the Submission Site page where you can continue from where you left off, but you will be unable to make corrections to any screen that you have already completed. Additionally, certain certification statements are dependent on how you answered previous questions, so in order to ensure accurate certifications throughout, you will need to click the **Reset Certification/Start Over** button to correct any mistakes.

We recommend you print the responses you have already submitted to help you recall the answers that don't need correcting. Click the **Print** button in the History (note that the status of "In Progress" will remain until you have submitted to Minnesota Housing using the instructions below).



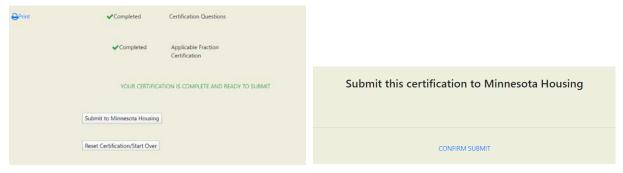
Once you click the **Reset Certification/Start Over** button, you will be asked if you want to start over. Click **Yes** to wipe out your responses.



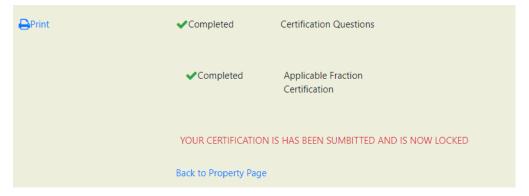
Click the Continue Annual Owner Certification link to start the certification over.

Continue Annual Owner Certification for 2020 **History - Annual Owner Certs**

Submit the Certification to Minnesota Housing: When you are certain that all certification statements are complete and accurate (and if applicable, the Applicable Fraction Certification and Average Income Test Certification are complete and accurate), click the Submit to Minnesota Housing button and then the CONFIRM SUBMIT link.

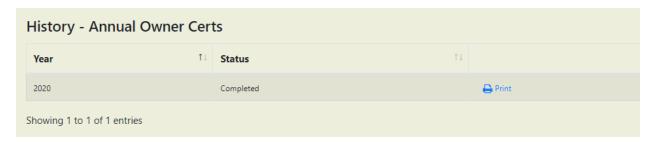


You will see an acknowledgement that the certification has been submitted and is now locked. This means that the certification is available in PORT and can be reviewed by the compliance officer.



Click the Back to Property Page link to return to the AOC Submission Site to see the History of owner certifications that have been completed and submitted to Minnesota Housing (note that it does not display owner certifications submitted to Minnesota Housing prior to 2020 via the Owner Reporting tab in PORT).

Use the print link to print the certification forms or save to PDF for your records. It is not necessary to mail a hard copy to Minnesota Housing. The PDF and printed form will show the date the certification was completed (or display "not yet completed" if you have not submitted it to Minnesota Housing).



4.02 Owner/HH Paid Utility

This section is for informational purposes in order to report which utilities are paid for by tenants and which are paid by the owner/manager. This information will be used when monitoring utility allowances and is expected to be up-to-date and accurate.

1. Click the **Set-up/change** hyperlink to open the data entry box.

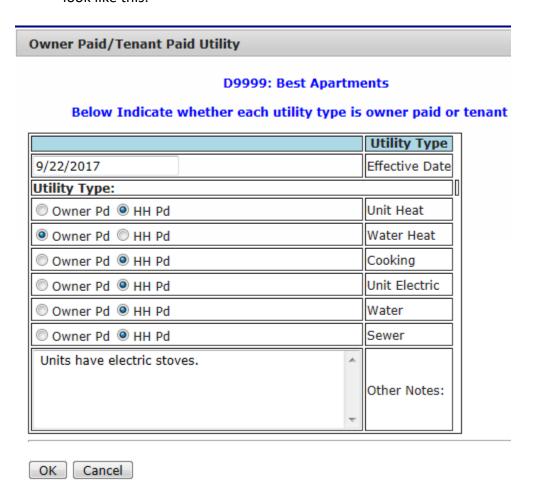


- 2. Enter the date on which the owner/manager established the lease requirements for tenant paid utilities to be reported.
- 3. Click the radio dials to indicate whether each utility type is paid by the owner (Owner Pd) or paid by the occupants (HH Pd).



For the illustration above, this new property opened on 3/12/2014; owner is reporting that the leases for all residents required them to pay unit heat, cooking electric, and unit electric. Owner pays all other utilities.

- 4. Click OK.
- 5. To reopen, simply click the **Effective Date**.
- 6. To change, repeat steps 1-4 above. Enter the date the policy changed as the new effective date. For example, on 9/22/2017, owner changes leases to require tenants to pay for water and sewer. The effective date would by 9/22/2017 and the report would look like this:



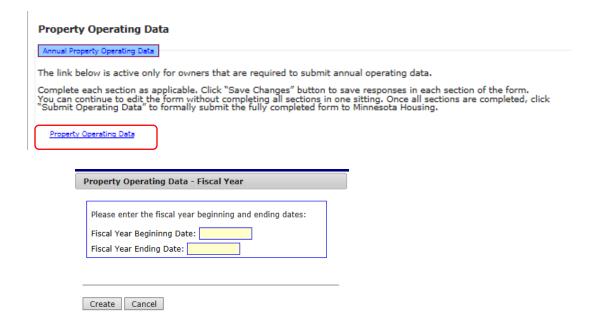
4.03 Property Operating Data

A portion of properties with Agency deferred loans are required to submit annual operating data by March 31 for the owner's most recent fiscal year end. The collected information will assist the Agency and funding partners in making decisions for the short-term and long-term preservation needs of the state's multifamily housing stock.

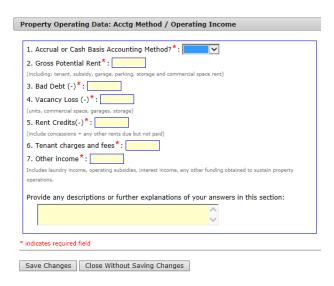


If the operating data link is active on the Owner Reporting page, the owner is required to submit annual operating data.

- a. Navigate to the **Owner Reporting** tab. Scroll to the bottom to find the **Annual Property Operating Data** section.
- b. Click the link for **Property Operating Data** and enter the fiscal year beginning and end dates then click **Create**.



c. To begin entering or modifying data, click the blue links above each of the eight sections. When all items are completed for a section, click **Save Changes** in the lower left-hand corner. The pop-up will close, and the data and calculated totals will appear on the main screen.





There are eight sections. Be sure to scroll down and complete all sections.

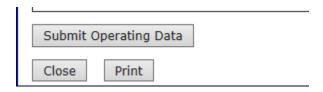
d. If you are unable to complete all eight sections in one sitting, you can Close out and return to your work at a later time. To do so, simply log back into PORT and click the **Existing Submission link**. Each fiscal year containing operating data will appear with an individual link. When you are ready to submit the data to Minnesota Housing, you must click the **Submit Operating Data** button.

Property Operating Data



e. When **all eight sections** have been completed *and you are ready to submit the data to Minnesota Housing*, click **Submit Operating Data** in the lower left-hand corner. Missing data will prevent submission. If the button is not available to click, review your

submission and enter any missing data. When successfully submitted a date stamp will appear next to the **Submit Operating Data** button. If the date stamp does not appear, it was not submitted.



A Quick Reference Guide to the Eight Operating Data Sections:

1. Accounting/Operating Income

Report on the property accounting method (accrual or cash basis), gross income and adjustments to income.

2. Operating Expense and Taxes

This section covers administrative, maintenance and operating expenses.

3. Financing Expense

The Financing Expense section includes debt service, fees or other expenses related to debt or loan servicing, as well as several miscellaneous questions about adjustments to the property's cash flow. These items could vary by property and bookkeeping methods.

4. Current Assets

This section records total operating cash, escrows, reserves, accounts payable and accounts receivable balances.

For Current Assets, report Accounts Payable and Account Receivable as of the end of the fiscal year. If there are significant changes to these balances, provide notes.

5. MARIF Reporting

This section is only applicable to properties that received funding under the MARIF program.

6. Service Funding

This section is only applicable to properties that offer supportive resident services.

7. Owner Organization

This section collects data on possible changes to ownership or partnership entities as well as information about the organization's approach to asset management.

8. Property Management

The final section is to confirm or report changes in the property management company.

Chapter 5 – Violations Tab

All noncompliance resulting from review or inspection is recorded in the **Violations** tab on a Property, Building, or Unit level, depending on the nature of the noncompliance. The Violations History becomes the inspection report and place for tracking the history of all the violations associated with a property and timeliness of correction.

Property Violation is noncompliance that affects the entire development. For example, failure to submit the owner's annual certification or report tenant data is noncompliance on a property level.

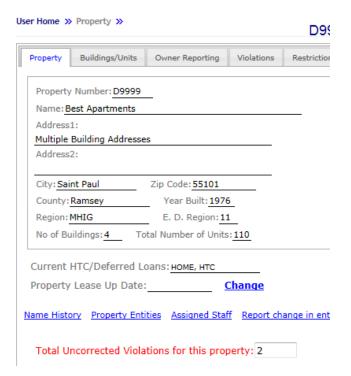
Building Violation is noncompliance that affects a particular building. For example, a leaking roof or cracked foundation on a particular building affects the entire building because the roof covers the entire building and the foundation holds the entire building. Noncompliance in common areas is a building violation because common areas are used by all occupants.

Unit Violation is noncompliance that affects a particular unit. It may be the physical unit, or it may be noncompliance associated with the unit's occupants such as an over-income household.



- 1. Click the **Violations** tab for the property.
- All violations will be shown under Property Violations History with a status of UC (uncorrected), CL (clarified), or CR (corrected). Click the **Date** hyperlink to see full details of the violation.

- 3. On the left side of the screen, click the property to see all violations; click an individual building to see that building's violations; click the small triangle next to the building to access the units; click an individual unit to see unit violations.
- 4. Click the **Print All Violations** button to print the complete violation history (includes those that are corrected or clarified) or click the Print Uncorrected Violations to print a report of violations for which Minnesota Housing has not received sufficient documentation of correction.
- 5. The violation counter on the right-hand side of the **Violations** tab (and above the Property Owner name on the Property tab) will show the number of Uncorrected Violations for the property.



6. When Minnesota Housing has received sufficient evidence of clarification or correction, the UC status will be updated to CL or CR.

Chapter 6 – Assign an Owner's Account Administrator

Many properties financed by Minnesota Housing are owned by a single-asset business entity and a separate username and password for each property may be impractical for the partner or member that is involved in many entities and properties. Therefore, Minnesota Housing will allow an owner to appoint an Owner's Account Administrator (OAA). The OAA must be a related party of the ownership entity. Appointing an OAA will allow access to a defined portfolio under one username and password. For example, ABC Company, LLC is a partner in five limited partnerships that own five properties. It wishes to designate an OAA so that it can view and report on all five properties in its portfolio without using separate usernames and passwords. The five limited partnerships submit a Designation of Owner's Account Administrator form requesting that ABC Company, LLC, (with Mary Smith who is a member of the LLC as the OAA contact) to be the assigned OAA. Minnesota Housing issues one username and password to Mary Smith of ABC Company, LLC, as assigned OAA for all five properties. When Mary Smith logs into PORT, she will be able to access all five authorized properties.

If an owner wishes to appoint an OAA, it must read and sign the **Owner's Designation of Account Administrator** form. The OAA's username and password will allow access to authorized properties as if the OAA were the owner.

Submit a signed and dated, Owner's Designation of Account Administrator form to ATTN: PORT USER ACCESS, Minnesota Housing, 400 Wabasha Street, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN 55102, or email to renee.dickinson@state.mn.us. **Be sure to maintain your own copy of this form.**

Once the OAA designation has been approved, a username and password will be sent to the OAA.



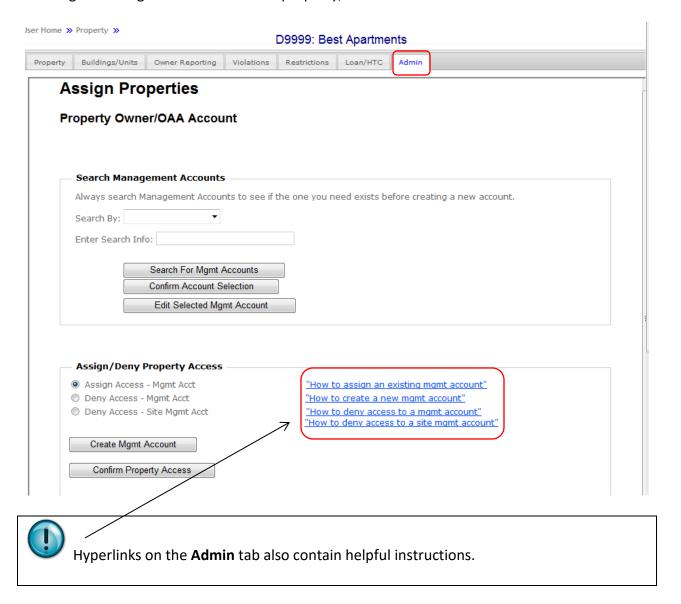
A management company is not allowed to be an OAA unless the management company is a related party of the ownership entity (e.g., a partner or member).

The owner or Owner's Account Administrator is responsible for and in control of property access rights. In addition, the owner (not the OAA) is responsible for immediate notification to Minnesota Housing of any changes to the owner's Account Administrator through the resubmission of a designation form.

Chapter 7 – Assign a Management Account

The owner or OAA is responsible for controlling who is authorized to access its properties in PORT. In addition, it is the owner's or OAA's responsibility to allow or disallow management access when needed due to changes in management and/or staffing within a management company.

To assign a Management Account for a property, click the **Admin** tab.

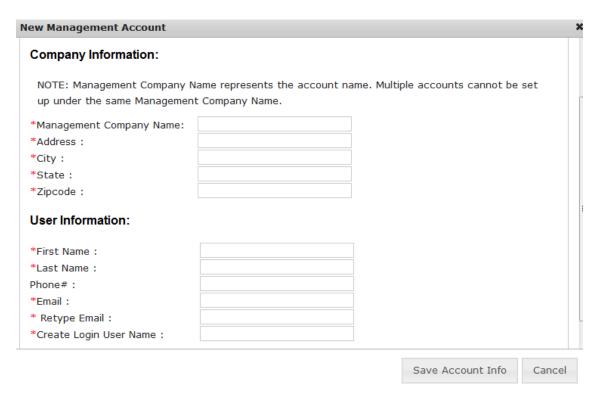


7.01 Create a New Management Account and Assign it to a Property

1. First, click the **Search for Mgmt Accounts** button to see if the Mgmt Acct you wish to set up is already in the system. A fee manager may have been set up by a different owner. You can search by the management company name, address, etc., or leave the search

by and search info blank to view a list of all Mgmt Accts in PORT. If the Mgmt Acct exists, follow the instructions in Section 7.02, below.

- 2. If the Mgmt Acct does not exist in PORT, scroll to the Assign/Deny Property Access section in the middle of the page.
- 3. Select Assign Access Mgmt Acct.
- 4. From the properties listed at the bottom, select the property to which you want to give this account access by checking the box to the left of the property.
- 5. Click the **Create Mgmt Account** button to open the new account entry form.



6. Enter the new Mgmt Acct user information in the form including assigning a Login Username. All fields with a red asterisk are required fields.



Once a Management Account has been set up, the management company name, username, and email address cannot be edited. To edit other information, refer to Section 7.03, below.

- 7. Click the Save Account Info button.
- 8. An email will be sent to the new user with a username and temporary password.
- 9. To assign additional properties to the new account, follow the instructions for assigning an existing management account.



If the property is already assigned to a Mgmt Acct, follow the steps in Chapter 9 below to deny access to that account before you can assign to a different Mgmt Acct or create a new Mgmt Acct for that property.

7.02 Assign an Existing Management Account to a Property

- Under the "Search Management Accounts" section, select company name or other search criteria and enter the search info below, or leave blank to search all PORT management accounts.
- 2. Click the Search for Mgmt Accounts button.
- 3. From the Search Results list, check the box on the left of the desired management account.
- Click the Confirm Account Selection button.
- 5. Scroll down to the section for Assign/Deny Property Access.
- 6. Select Assign Access Mgmt Acct radio button
- 7. Find the property or properties to which you wish to assign the account and check the box(es) to the left.
- 8. Click the **Confirm Property Access** button.
- 9. A pop-up will appear asking if you want to assign the selected properties to the management account. Click **No** if you have made a mistake or otherwise do not want to assign access. Click **Yes** and system will acknowledge that you have successfully assigned the selected properties to the Management Account.

7.03 Edit Management Account

- Under the "Search Management Accounts" section, select company name or other search criteria and enter the search info below, or leave blank to search all PORT management accounts.
- 2. Click the **Search for Mgmt Accounts** button.
- 3. From the Search Results list, check the box on the left of the desired management account.
- 4. Click the **Confirm Account Selection** button.
- 5. Click the **Edit Selected Management Account** button.
- 6. Update information as necessary.
- 7. Click **Submit** when finished. Note that the management company name, username, and email address **cannot** be edited.

Chapter 8 – Assign a Site Management Account

Once a Management Account (Mgmt Acct) has been established, the Mgmt Acct can authorize access to a Site Management Account (Site Mgmt Acct). Follow the same steps in Section 7.01 to create a new site management account or 7.02 to assign an existing site management account.



A Site Mgmt Acct cannot exist without a Mgmt Acct., and only a Mgmt Acct can create a Site Mgmt Acct.



Once a Site Management Account has been set up, the management company name, username, and email address cannot be edited. To edit other user information such as address and phone number, refer to Section 7.03, above.

Chapter 9 – Deny Access to a Management Account

The owner or owner account administrator is responsible for controlling who is authorized to access its properties in PORT. Similarly, it is the owner's or owner account administrator's responsibility to allow or disallow management access when needed due to changes in management and/or staffing within a management company.

- 1. Scroll to the Assign/Deny Property Access section of the Admin tab.
- 2. Select Deny Access Mgmt Acct radio button.
- 3. Select the property or properties for which you want to deny management account access by checking the box to the left of each property.
- 4. Click the Confirm Mgmt Access Denied button.
- 5. Note that denying access to the Mgmt Acct also denies access to the associated Site Mgmt Acct.



If a Mgmt Acct or Site Mgmt Acct is no longer assigned to any properties, a warning message will appear. This means that the Mgmt Acct user will need to be set up again before it can be assigned to another property. PORT will only retain user information on Mgmt and Site Mgmt Accts that are specifically assigned to at least one property.

Chapter 10 - Deny Access to a Site Management Account

Site Mgmt access may be denied by the owner/OAA or Mgmt Acct. Follow these steps to deny access to a site management account:

- 1. Scroll to the Assign/Deny Property Access section of the Admin tab
- 2. Select **Deny Access Site Mgmt Acct** radio button
- 3. Select the property or properties for which you want to deny site management account access by checking the box to the left of each property
- 4. Click the Confirm Site Mgmt Access Denied button

Chapter 11 – XML File Upload to PORT Submission Site

If your property management software has a utility that allows you to download tenant data into an XML file, Minnesota Housing's XML Upload to PORT Submission Site may be used to populate your property's unit events.

11.01 XML File Requirements

- Refer to Minnesota Housing's <u>PORT XML schema</u> and <u>XSD specification file</u> for requirements.
- 2. All building and unit numbers must match those set up in PORT (note that new properties must first set up units in PORT before uploading tenant data; the XML file upload will not populate unit set up data, only unit events).
- 3. The effective date of all events must be displayed on the XML file in chronological order.
- 4. Out of service and back in service events are not considered tenant data and are not part of XML file. Those events must be manually entered in PORT.
- 5. Existing PORT data will not be overwritten. The XML file must only contain events with effective dates that are later than the last effective date reported in PORT for any unit in the property (not including out of service or back in service events). For example, if the last event reported for any unit has an effective date of 12/31/2021, the XML file must include only events with an effective date of 1/1/2022 or later.
- 6. If you are unsure of the latest effective date reported, run the Unit Event Summary Report. Make sure you cover a sufficient time period, so all units are represented (e.g., at least a full calendar year, assuming your reporting is up to date), Use the date you run the report as the end date.
- 7. A unique file and upload must be done for each property by D number. The XML file uploader cannot do batch uploads for multiple properties.

11.02 Uploading the XML File

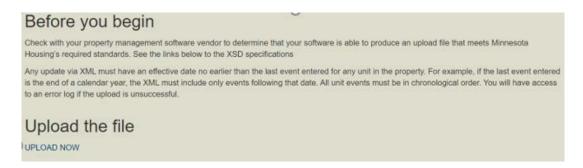
The XML file upload site can be accessed by all user roles. You may upload tenant data monthly, quarterly, or annually; however, all reporting for the prior calendar year must be completed on or before the February due date, and any corrections made in property management software after an upload will require commensurate corrections in PORT.

Follow these steps to upload the XML file:

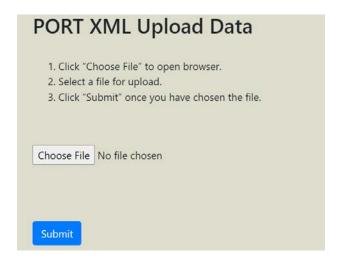
- 1. Log in with your username and password.
- 2. Click the link to the XML Upload to PORT Submission Site (not the PORT link) under Authorized Applications.

Authorized Applications

- PORT
- XML Upload to PORT Submission Site
- 3. Click the "UPLOAD NOW" link.



4. Follow the instructions on the next screen to select the XML file you wish to upload. Click the Submit button to complete the upload.



5. A message will display to indicate if the upload was successful.



6. If the XML did not follow Minnesota Housing's requirements, or the data did not conform to PORT requirements, no data will be uploaded, and an error log will display. Contact your software provider to resolve the noted errors before resubmitting.



Exhibit A – Deferred Loan Certification Statements

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd Option	Additional certification text	Help Text (as hyperlink)
All program-assisted units were rented to households that were properly income certified according to the certification requirements for the respective loan program(s), and assisted households met the applicable income limit(s)* at initial occupancy.	True/False		*and student status for properties with a HOME Written Agreement executed on or after 8/23/2013.	Answer False if any part of the above statement is not true
No program-assisted households were charged a gross rent that exceeded the allowable rent limit(s).	True/False			
Owner has maintained the applicable income, rent, and unit mix.	True/False			Maintaining the applicable unit mix means renting the required number of units for the applicable income and rent restriction(s). For HOME properties, it also means renting the required number of high and low HOME units, and if the property has floating units, renting the required number of units by bedroom size.

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd Option	Additional certification text	Help Text (as hyperlink)
Owner completed an annual recertification of income* for all HOME and/or NHTF-assisted units following the requirements as stated in the HOME/NHTF Compliance Guide.	True, False, 3rd option	HOME affordability period has expired, or property does not have a HOME or NHTF loan from Minnesota Housing	*and student status for properties with a HOME Written Agreement executed on or after 8/23/2013.	
Owner has not sold, transferred, or conveyed any portion of the property or Owner's interest in the property without obtaining prior written approval from Minnesota Housing.	True/False			
Owner has obtained and maintains in force and effect the required insurance on the property. The insurance policies are endorsed with a standard mortgagee clause with loss payable to Minnesota Housing or shows Minnesota Housing as a named insured. Where appropriate, public liability, boiler, fire, extended coverage, burglary, and theft insurance are in force.	True, False, 3rd option	Property has no deferred loans with Minnesota Housing other than a HOME Rental Rehabilitation loan		Answer False if any of the above statements are not true for the property.
Name of Insurance Company	Enter name of insurance company			
Policy Number(s)	Enter current policy number			
Date Last Renewed	Enter mm/dd/yyyy of most			

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd Option	Additional certification text	Help Text (as hyperlink)
	recent renewal			
Owner is in compliance with limits relating to its allowable return on the initial equity investment.	True, False, 3rd option	There is no Regulatory Agreement, or the Regulatory Agreement has no limit relating to Owner's return on equity		Select True if Regulatory Agreement has a limit on return on equity and Owner has not taken a distribution or has not taken a larger distribution than allowed Select False if the Regulatory Agreement has a limit on return on equity and Owner has taken a larger distribution than allowed.
Each building and all program-assisted units in the property have been suitable for occupancy, taking into account the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Uniform Physical Conditions Standards (UPCS) and applicable state and local health, safety, and other habitability codes, as well as any local ordinances and requirements.	True/False			Select False if, for more than one rental period during the certification year, there were uncorrected Level 3 UPCS violations or violations of state and local habitability codes or local ordinances in any part of the property or if any units were out of service (e.g., due to tenant damage, fire, flood).

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd Option	Additional certification text	Help Text (as hyperlink)
Property was physically inspected for a rental license, an operating license, and/or a board and lodge license, or by the city, a suballocator, the county, USDA Rural Development, or the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (not including Minnesota Housing inspections).	True/False		If True, submit a copy of the inspection report(s) or summary of violations (do not send inspection reports issued by Minnesota Housing). Include evidence that violations were corrected.	
Property qualifies for the Low Income Rental Classification (LIRC property tax classification) and Owner has (re)applied for LIRC for the most current tax year.	True, False, 3rd option	Property does not qualify for LIRC		Select False if property qualifies for LIRC but Owner did not submit a LIRC application or reapplication for the most current tax year.
The property has not experienced vacancy issues during the certification year.	True/False			Answer False if the property is experiencing vacancy issues that are compromising the economic viability of the property and/or if you have been unable to rerent one or more units for 90 days or more.

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd Option	Additional certification text	Help Text (as hyperlink)
Owner has complied with all Occupancy Restrictions specified in Minnesota Housing's Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (e.g., marketing to families with children, renting the required number of units to longterm homeless [LTH], high priority homeless [HPH], people with disabilities [PWD]).	True, False, 3rd option	No loans that are the subject of this Owner's certification contain Occupancy Restrictions		
The property is in compliance with the Fair Housing Act, as amended, and the Minnesota Human Rights Act. There have been no violations of Fair Housing regulations, including accessibility guidelines, filed against the property within the certification year.	True/False			If False, submit copies of any Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) or Minnesota Department of Human Rights violation reports and/or an adverse final decision by the Secretary of HUD, an adverse final decision by a state or local fair housing agency, or an adverse judgment from a federal court, and evidence of corrective action.
No tenants in programassisted units were evicted or had their tenancy	True/False			Select False if you have evicted a

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd Option	Additional certification text	Help Text (as hyperlink)
terminated (including not renewing a lease) other than for good cause.				household, terminated tenancy, or not renewed a lease for reasons other than a lease violation.
Owner has not refused to lease a program-assisted unit to an applicant based solely on their status as a holder of a Section 8 voucher.	True/False			
Owner is otherwise in compliance with all applicable Minnesota Housing Regulatory Agreements, Loan Repayment Agreements and Mortgages, and/or Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and other lenders' loan documents that financed or encumber the property.	True/False			

Exhibit B – Housing Tax Credits Certification Statements

NOTE: Based on the selection you made from the six options initially presented, only the relevant certification statements will appear.

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd option	Additional certification text
No buildings have been placed	Radio button		
in service.			
At least one building has been	Radio button		
placed in service, but Owner			
elects to begin credit period in			
the following year.			
The project meets the minimum			
requirement of:			
The 20-50 test under Section	Radio button		
42(g)(1)(A) of the Code			
The 40-60 test under Section	Radio button		
42(g)(1)(B) of the Code			
The Average Income Test under	Radio button		
Section 42(g)(1)(C) of the Code			
The project meets the minimum	Radio button	Project is not	
requirement of the 15-40 test		subject to	
for "deep rent skewed" projects		the 15-40	
under Sections 42(g)(4) and		test for	
142(d)(4)(B) of the Code		"deep rent skewed"	
Due in at failed its required	Dadia buttan	skewed	
Project failed its required minimum set-aside	Radio button		
	True/False		
The required applicable fraction	True/False		
has been met for each building. At initial occupancy, Owner has	True/False		
received a Tenant Income	True/raise		
Certification from each low-			
income resident and			
documentation to support that			
certification, and if applicable, at			
annual recertification, Owner			
has received a Tenant Income			
Certification and documentation			
to support that certification			

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd option	Additional certification text
Each qualified low-income unit is rent restricted under Section 42(g)(2) of the Code.	True/False		
All low-income units are for use by the general public and are used on a non-transient basis, except as otherwise permitted by Section 42 of the Code.	True/False		
Owner has not refused to lease a unit to an applicant based solely on their status as a holder of a Section 8 voucher.	True/False		
No tenants in low-income units were evicted or had their tenancies terminated (including non-renewal of lease) for other than good cause.	True/False		
If a low-income unit in the project has been vacant during the year, reasonable attempts were or are being made to rent that unit to tenants having a qualifying income before any units were or will be rented to tenants not having qualifying income.	True/False		
If the income of a low-income household increased above 140% of the applicable income limit at recertification, the next available unit in that building was rented to an income qualified household.	True, False, 3rd option	Project is 100% Housing Tax Credit (HTC) restricted and exempt from recertifying income	

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd option	Additional certification text
The property is in compliance with the Fair Housing Act, as amended, and there have been no violations of the Fair Housing regulations, including accessibility guidelines, filed against the property within the certification year.	True/False		You must submit copies of any Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or Minnesota Department of Human Rights violation reports and/or an adverse final decision by the Secretary of HUD, an adverse final decision by a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing agency, or an adverse judgment from a federal court and evidence of corrective action. Send to Minnesota Housing via Secure Upload Tool using this email address: mhfa.compliance@state.mn.us
Each building in the project is suitable for occupancy taking into account local health, safety, building codes, and Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the state or local government unit responsible for building code inspections did not issue a report of a violation for any building or low-income unit in the project.	True/False		Select False if, for more than one rental period during the certification year, there were uncorrected UPCS violations or violations of state and local habitability codes or local ordinances in any part of the property or if any units were out of service. Submit a copy of the violation report and evidence of Owner's corrective action. Send to the assigned Compliance Officer via the Secure Upload Tool using this email address: mhfa.compliance@state.mn.us

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd option	Additional certification text
The property has not suffered a casualty loss resulting in the displacement of residents for more than one rental period.	True/False		If False, submit an explanation with this certification for casualty loss associated with any building exterior, common area, or mechanicals, along with a description of the circumstances and date of the casualty loss. Unit(s) Out of Service for more than one rental period and Back in Service (date on which the unit was suitable for occupancy) must be reported in PORT. Send to the assigned Compliance Officer via the Secure Upload Tool using this email address: mhfa.compliance@state.mn.us
An extended low-income housing commitment as described in Section 42(h)(6) of the Code is in effect (Extended Use Agreement), including the requirement under Section 42(h)(6)(B)(iv) of the Code that Owner cannot refuse to lease a unit in the project to an applicant because the applicant holds a voucher of eligibility under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937. Owner has complied with all warranties, covenants, and representations contained in the Extended Use Agreement	True/False		
Owner received a Credit allocation from the portion of the state ceiling set-aside for a project involving "qualified nonprofit organizations" under Section 42(h)(5) of the Code, and the nonprofit entity materially participated in the	True, False, 3rd option	Property did not receive its credit allocation from the nonprofit set-aside.	

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd option	Additional certification text
operation of the development within the meaning of Section 469(h) of the Code.			
There has been no change in the ownership or management of the property that has not been reported to Minnesota Housing.	True/False		
The property is in compliance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requirements and all related implementing regulations providing protections for residents and applicants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.	True/False		
There has been no change in the applicable fraction as defined in Section 42(c)(1)(B) of the Code for any building in the project.	True/False		
Owner has received an annual Student Certification for each low-income household.	True/False		
There have there been no changes in the eligible basis under Section 42(d) of the Code for any building in the project.	True/False		
All resident facilities included in the eligible basis of any building in the project are provided on a comparable basis without a separate fee to all residents in the building.	True/False		
If the income of a low-income household increased above the limit allowed in Section 42(g)(2)(D) of the Code, all next available units of comparable or	True/False		

Certification Statement	Response Format	3rd option	Additional certification text
smaller size in that building were rented to an income qualified household.			
Pursuant to IRS Revenue Ruling 2004-82, Owner has not evicted any resident, or refused to renew any lease, except for good cause.	True/False		
Owner continues to comply with all terms agreed to in the application for Credit authority, including all federal and statelevel program requirements and any commitments for which points or preferences were received.	True/False		
This property is subject to monitoring and inspections, including physical inspections and tenant file reviews for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Project-based Section 8 or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development programs.	radio button		
This property is NO LONGER subject to monitoring or inspections for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Project-based Section 8 or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development programs.	Radio button		
Date of last Management and Occupancy Review (MOR) for Project-based Section 8 or United States Department of	Enter MM/DD/YYYY of last MOR or Supervisory Visit		

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Agriculture (USDA) Supervisory			
Visit.			
Date of last Real Estate	Enter		
Assessment Center (REAC) or	MM/DD/YYYY		
United States Department of	of last REAC or		
Agriculture (USDA) physical	USDA physical		
inspection.	inspection		

PORT User Guide Revision Tracking

Date	Section	Description
12.2017		Added National Housing Trust Fund as a Funding Source monitored in PORT and references throughout.
	2.01	Added link to Contact Change form and instructions on how to print Fee Remittance Form for annual HTC monitoring fees.
	2.03	Deleted reference to MN Housing setting up units; owner/agents must set up units.
	2.05	Clarified that Compliance End Date is the date on which the property is no longer subject to the loan's restrictions, not the date monitoring will cease. Added Household Targeting & Occupancy Restrictions
	3.04	Clarified that there is no printed form available for a summary cert.
	Chapter 6	Removed requirement to submit original Owner's Designation of OAA form.
12.2018	Page 4	Added Asset Management Fund (AMF) as a program monitored in PORT.
12.2018	Chapter 2	Added Section 811 as an "Other Influence"
12.2018	2.05	Added Household Targeting & Occupancy Restrictions to loan detail and additional QAP Restrictions added to HTC Allocation detail.
12.2018	3.04	Provided instructions for reporting High Priority Homeless which includes (i) LTH, (ii) at significant risk of LTH and (iii) as prioritized for permanent supportive housing by Coordinated Entry.
12.2019	Chapter 1, Log in and User Home	PORT now allows use of Chrome internet browser.
12.2019	2.01	Added alert indicating that while management company and site manager names may appear in PORT, owners must follow instructions in Chapter 7 to authorize management and site management access to the PORT system.

Date	Section	Description
12.2019	2.05	Added instruction to NOT make changes to the applicable fraction calculator after the 8609 has been issued.
		Added Average Income Test to Min set-aside.
		Added instruction to make single building election even if there is only one building.
12.2019	3.10	Added instruction to notify the assigned compliance officer within 30 days of any casualty loss.
12.2019	4.01	Added special instructions for completing the tax credit annual owner certification for properties electing the Average Income Test.
12.2019	4.03 e.	Clarified that missing data will prevent submission and operating data is not submitted until date stamp appears next to the Submit Operating Data button.
12.2020	Chapter 4	Modified for instructions to submit annual owner certifications in new Annual Owner Certification Submission Site
12.2020	Exhibit A & Exhibit B	New Exhibits added containing certification statements for deferred loans and Housing Tax Credits
6.2021	3.03	Added language allowing initials or client number to be entered for first name and last name to protect the identity of victims of domestic violence or households with HIV/AIDS in HOPWA units.
3.2022	Chapter 11	Added new chapter with instructions for XML Upload to PORT Submission Site