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What is Asset Management?

- Asset Management is the long-term, strategic oversight and guidance of an investment "asset"
- An ongoing, iterative process whereby the performance, direction, and value of a property are continually evaluated
- Takes a view of the property investment that is focused on <u>long-term goals and objectives</u>

...versus Property Management?

PM concerns the day-to-day operations

Why have BOTH?

- Because daily operations are hard—PM requires 100% focus
- Oversight, and a long-term perspective, help <u>mitigate risk and improve</u> decision making

Asset Management vs Property Management

Property Management

Day-to-Day Operations Rent Collection Record Keeping Financial Reporting Maintenance Marketing Lease Enforcement Maintaining tenant files Updating utility allowances

Compliance Annual Budgeting Capital Planning Workouts Public Relations Crisis Management Tenant Relations Security

Hiring & Evaluation of PM Strategic Plan & Goals Financial Restructuring Financial Analysis Investor Communication Monitoring Outcomes Engaging Lawyers / Accountants Partner Transactions / Exits

Asset Management

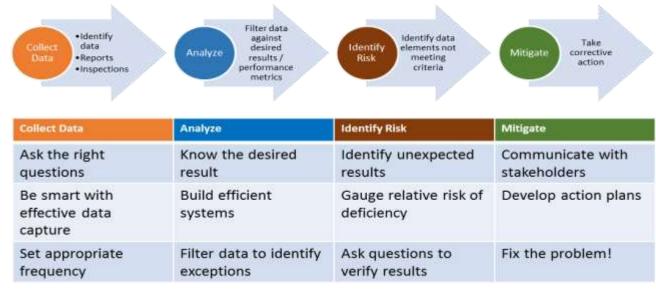
Yup, this means (in part) routine reporting



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Why Asset Management Matters

- Reduces risk by identifying and addressing small problems before they become big problems
- Identifies opportunities that improve performance, which leads to happier residents and increased value
- Provides the information and wisdom to prepare for and make decisions when the time comes
- Provides feedback on operational and program effectiveness



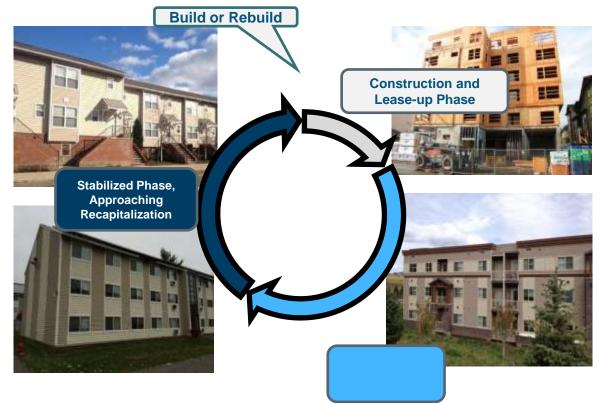
"...active monitoring and risk mitigation ... "

Source: Ohio Capital Corporation For Housing

Asset Cycle & Asset Management types

Transactional AM

Pre-Stabilized AM



Stabilized / On-Going AM

Pre-Stabilized Asset Management: Key Activities

- Monitoring of construction progress against plan
- Construction draw review and equity release approval
- Monitoring of initial marketing plan and rental rate achievement throughout lease-up
- Completion and lease-up projection monitoring to ensure projected benefits delivered
- Initial compliance monitoring
- Adjuster calculations
- Monitor progress towards permanent debt conversions and receipt of 8609's



Stabilized/Operational Asset Management: Key Activities

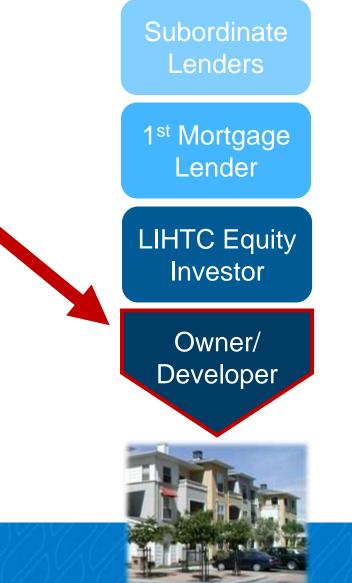
- Review and analysis of monthly or quarterly financial statements
- Site visits & inspections
- Compliance and insurance monitoring
- Risk rating and watch list management
- Annual audit and tax return review
- Problem resolution
- Collection of fees and distributions
- Review and analysis of proposed transactions or investment changes
- Communication with partners and other stakeholders



Asset Management means different things to different stakeholders

- Various levels of risk and involvement in a property
- Owners are "closest to the asset" •
 - Greatest liability in event of underperformance
 - Biggest potential upside if strong residual value and/or cash flow
 - Need greatest intensity of focus in asset management





Owner Asset Management

PROPERTY OPERATIONS AND CONDITION

- Balancing priorities of a double- or triple-bottom line
- Delivery of Tax Benefits
 - Tax credits
 - Tax losses
- Guarantees
 - Construction completion
 - Operating deficit
 - Tax credit shortfall
- Managing the affairs of the partnership
 - Communicating with lenders, investors and other stakeholders
 - Tracking & fulfilling commitments
- Compliance
 - Ensuring compliance with LURA / Restrictive Covenant / etc
- Monitoring for adherence to loan covenants
 - Criteria for stabilized operations
 - Debt coverage ratio
 - Replacement Reserve obligations

Subordinate Lenders 1st Mortgage Lender LIHTC Equity Investor Owner/ Developer

Investor Asset Management

- Delivery of Tax Benefits
 - Tax credits
 - Tax losses
- Property Operations and Condition
 - Site Visits
- Compliance
 - 8823s / Agency Reviews
 - Tenant file compliance
 - First Year
 - Ongoing
- Partnership Distributions
- Enforcing Guarantees
- Monitoring for Adherence to Loan Covenants
 - Criteria for stabilized operations
 - Replacement Reserve obligation

Subordinate Lenders 1st Mortgage Lender LIHTC Equity Investor Owner/ Developer

Asset Management Best Practices

- ORGANIZATION, CONSISTENCY, and COMPREHENSION are essential
- Typically, 80% of your time is spent on 20% of your properties
- Risk-based targeting: spend less time and fewer resources on the least risky properties; spend more time on the properties that need it
- Understand your portfolio overall by risk-rating your properties
- Document management is important; stay organized!
- Understanding your governing documents, audits, and financials is important
- Seize opportunities: Rents are maximized, when appropriate
- Use software to streamline your processes and save time

High-Functioning Asset Management

- Increases cash flow
- Improves quality of housing provided
- Increases property value \rightarrow more resources
- Insight to make better decisions on current and future deal

Wisdom For Decision-Making

- Setting priorities for the organization's portfolio
- Providing feedback on what works and what doesn't work
- Underwriting new deals
- Determining what types of markets and deals to pursue
- Fine-tuning documentation

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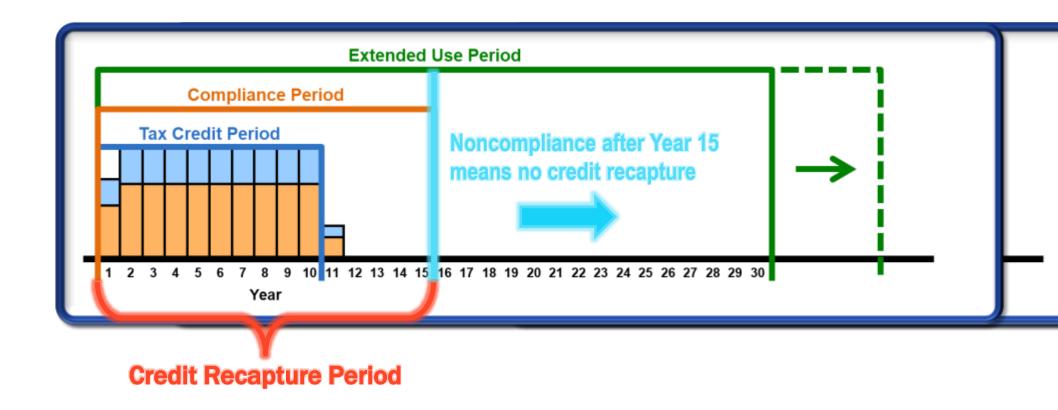
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IRS Form 8609: Line 10a

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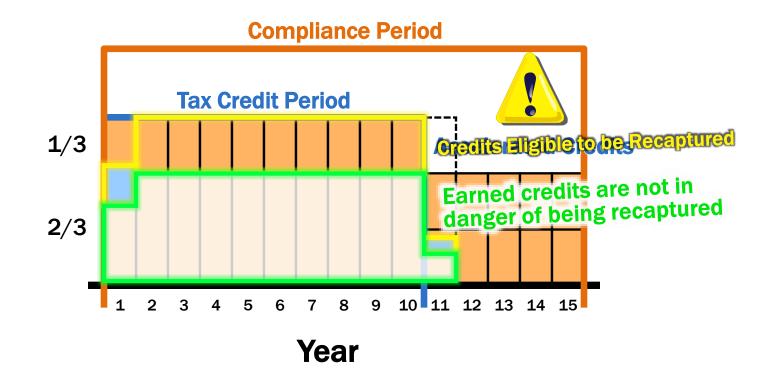
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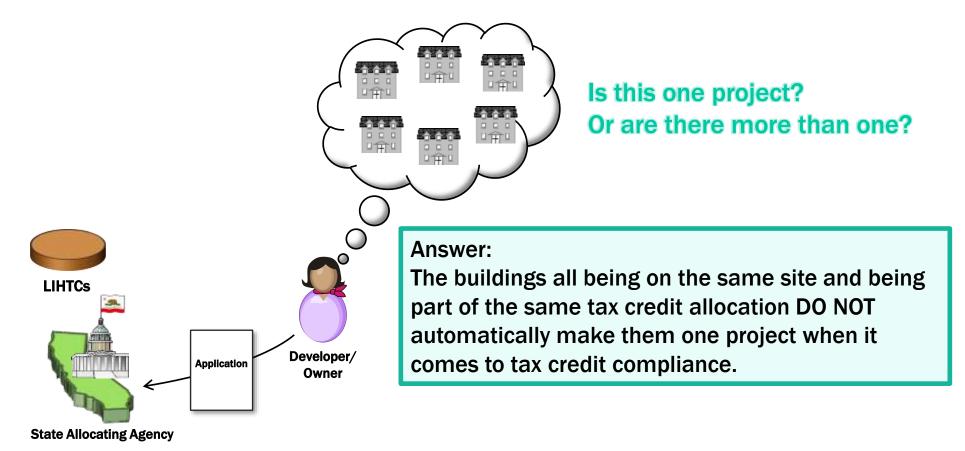
Compliance Period vs Tax Credit Period

For each building...





Definition of a Project



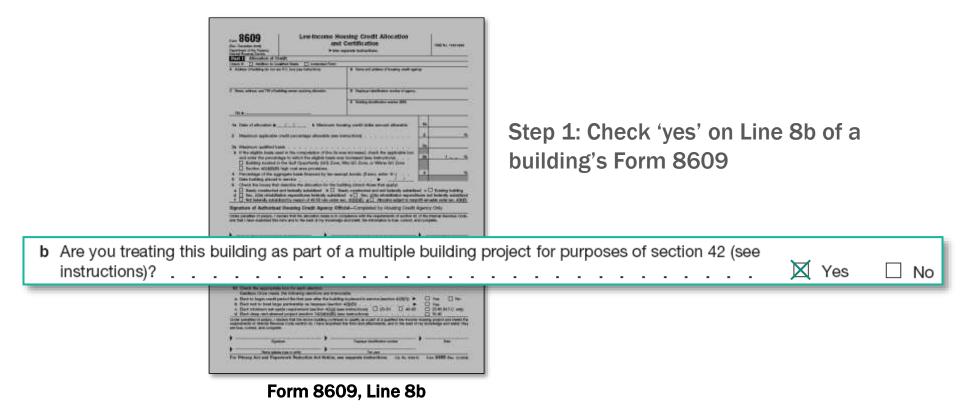
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Definition of a Project

How are the "projects" within a property identified?



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Definition of a Project



Step 1: Check 'yes' on Line 8b of a building's Form 8609

Step 2: Attach a statement described in the 8609 Instructions

The statement must be attached to this Form 8609 and include:

 The name and address of the project and each building in the project,

- The BIN of each building in the project,
- The aggregate credit dollar amount for the project, and
- The credit allocated to each building in the project.



Notwithstanding a checked "Yes" box on line 8b, failure to attach a statement providing the above required information will result in each building being considered a separate project under section 42(g)(3)(D).

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Minimum Set-Aside

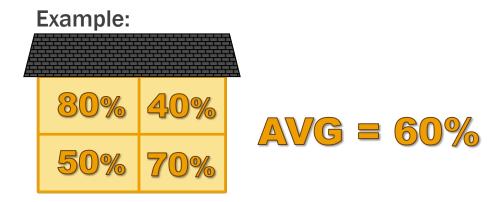
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Average Income Test

March 23, 2018 – The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 added a new, third minimum set-aside option beyond the 20-at-50 and the 40-at-60 set-aside. The third option creates an Average Income test as follows:

- At least 40 percent of a project's units have to be both rent-restricted and occupied by individuals whose incomes do not exceed the imputed income limitation designated by the taxpayer
- The average of the imputed income limitations designated *cannot exceed* 60 *percent of AMI*
- The designated imputed income limitations must be in 10 percent increments as follows:
 - 20 percent
 - 30 percent
 - 40 percent
 - 50 percent
 - 60 percent
 - 70 percent
 - 80 percent





What's the *penalty* for a building that is within a project that is not meeting its minimum set-aside?

Building's

- Year 2-15: 1. 100% recapture of building's accelerated credits already claimed
 - 2. 100% disallowance of credits building would expect to claim for current year
 - 3. No new credits in future years for the building until the minimum set-aside is met again

Building's

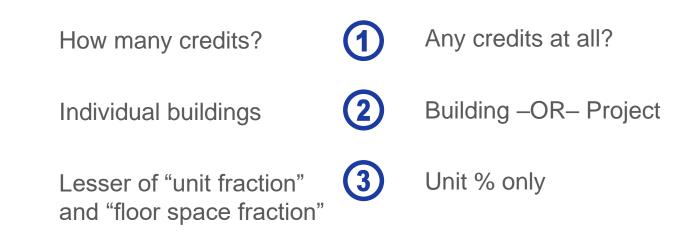
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Minimum Set-Aside vs Applicable Fraction





Calculating Credits

Eligible Basis	\$	1,000,000	(1)
x Applicable Fraction	<u>X</u>	1.0000	(2)
Qualified Basis	\$	1,000,000	
x Tax Credit Percentage	X	9	% ⁽³⁾
Annual LIHTCs	\$	90,000	
<u>x Ten Years</u>	<u>X</u>	10	_
Total LIHTCs	\$	900,000	

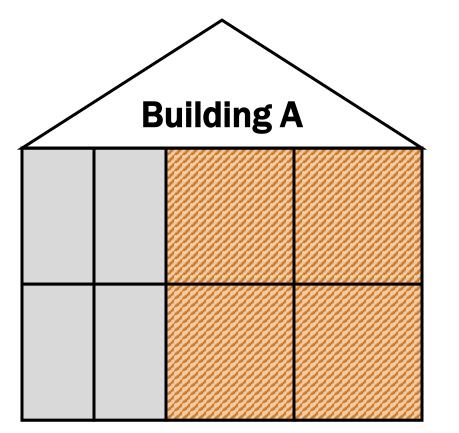
- (1) Each building within a property has its own tax credit calculation; **eligible basis** is essentially the residential building, the furniture and fixtures within it and its share of the property's landscaping, parking lot, sidewalks, etc.
- (2) A building's **applicable fraction** represents its portion of the residential units that are low-income qualified (lesser of unit fraction and floor-space fraction); the fraction is rounded to four decimal places
- (3) Treasury publishes a tax credit percentage each month; the tax credit percentage for a particular building will be for the month the building is placed in service; alternatively, it could be locked by the building owner shortly after the announcement of the tax credit award; if the building is financed in part with private activity tax-exempt bonds, the tax credit percentage will be around 3.25% to 3.5% if it's older than 2021; if it's newer than 2020, it will be 4%; if it's not financed with bonds, and it's older than 2008, the percentage will be around 7.5% to 8.5%; if it's not financed with bonds and it's 2008 or newer, the percentage will be 9%.





Applicable Fraction

(lesser of unit fraction and floor space fraction)



Applicable Fraction

Unit Fraction:



Floor Space Fraction:

65%



Low-income units

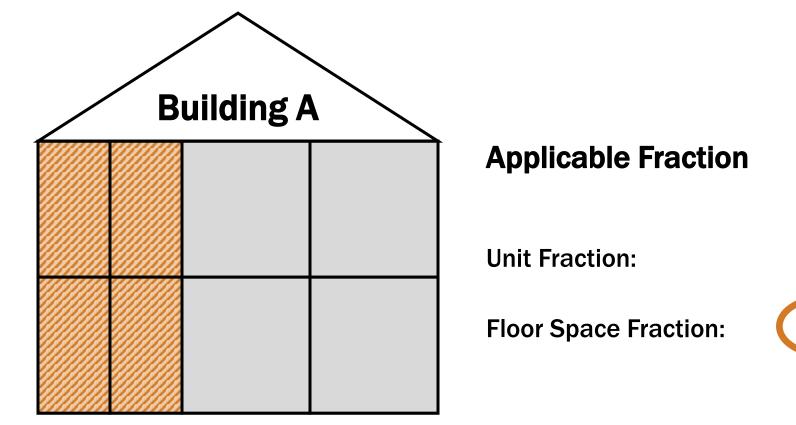


Market-rate units



Applicable Fraction

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Low-income units



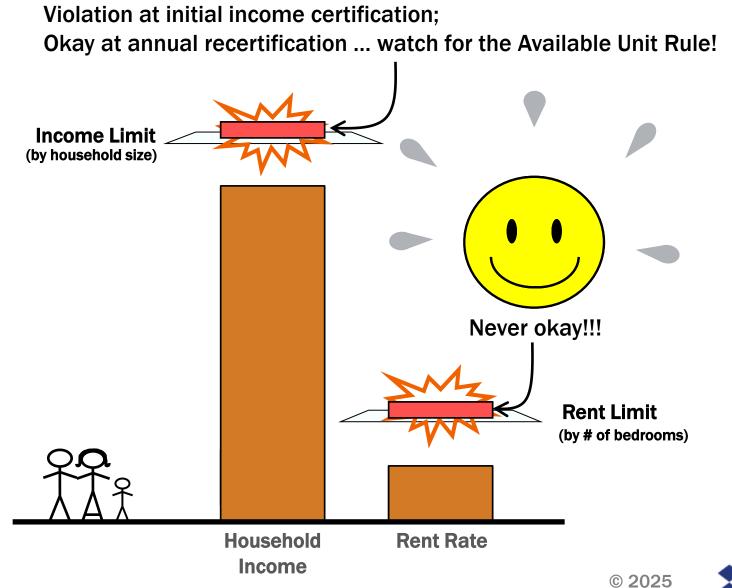
Market-rate units

50%

35%

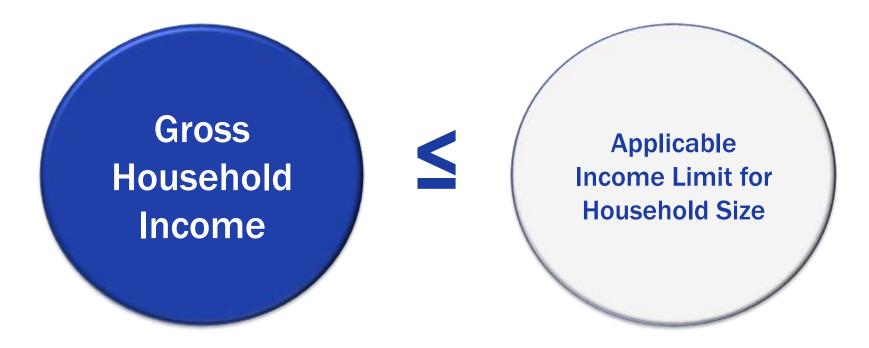


Tenant Certification



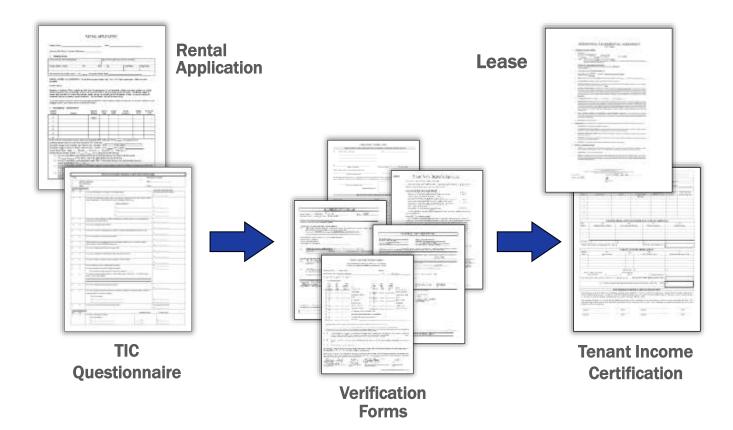


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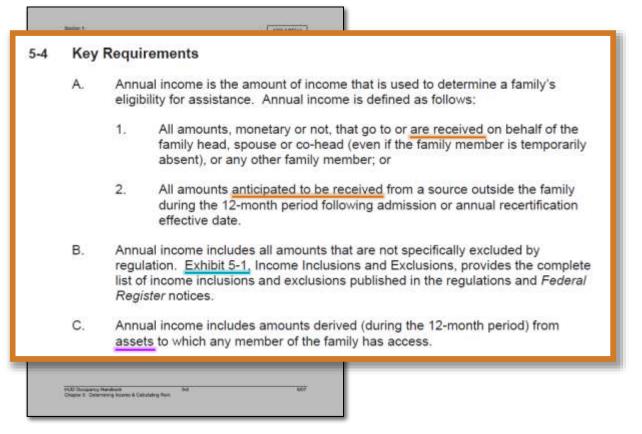


Tenant Certification Process





What is Income?

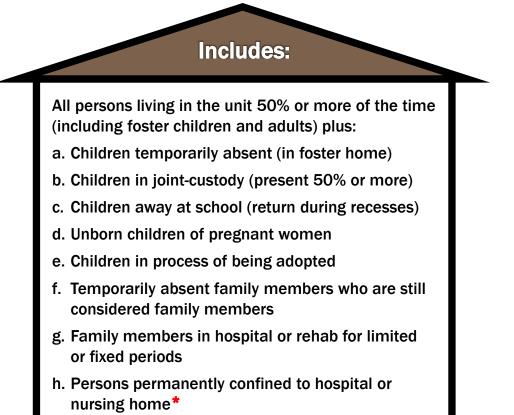


HUD Handbook 4350.3, Chapter 5 Section 1: Determining Annual Income



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Who is a Household Member?



* Family chooses, but has to include income if they count the person in household HUD Handbook Chapter 3: Paragraphs 3-6.E.3&4

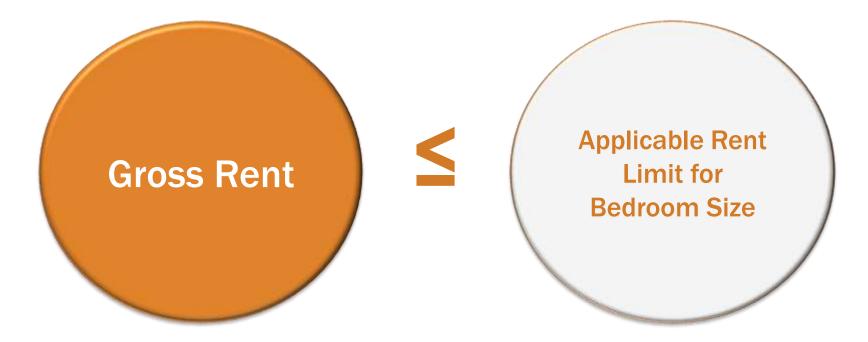
Excludes:

a. Live-in aides

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b. Guests

Rent





Calculating Gross Rent





Utility Allowances

	§ 1.42-10 Utility allowances. (a) Inclusion of utility allowances in gross rent. If the cost of any utility (other than telephone, cable television, or Internet) for a residential rental unit is paid directly by the tenant(s), and not by or through the owner of the building, the gross rent for that unit includes the applicable utility allowance determined under this section. This section only applies for purposes of determining gross rent under section $42(g)(2)(B)(ii)$ as to rent-restricted units.		
IF:		Then the appropriate utility allowance is:	
Building	s assisted by Rural Housing Service (RHS)	1. RHS Utility Allowance	
Building	s with RHS assisted tenants		
Building	s regulated by HUD	2. Applicable HUD Utility Allowance	
All other buildings*		3. PHA Utility Allowance	
		4. Local Utility Company Estimate	
		5. State Agency Estimate	
		6. HUD Utility Schedule Model	
		7. Energy Consumption Model (performed by engineer or other professional approved by state agency)	
Individual unit	ts with tenants receiving HUD rental assistance must use		

 $\boldsymbol{\star}$ Individual units with tenants receiving HUD rental assistance must use the applicable PHA Utility Allowance (No. 3 in our list)



Fees

Treas. Reg. § 1.42-11

(a) General rule. The furnishing to tenants of services other than housing (whether or not the services are significant) does not prevent the units occupied by the tenants from qualifying as residential rental property eligible for credit under section 42. However, any charges to low-income tenants for services that are not optional generally must be included in gross rent for purposes of section 42(g).

(b) Services that are optional.

(1) General rule. A service is optional if payment for the service is not required as a condition of occupancy. For example, for a qualified low-income building with a common dining facility, the cost of meals is not included in gross rent for purposes of section 42(g)(2)(A) if payment for the meals in the facility is not required as a condition of occupancy and a practical alternative exists for tenants to obtain meals other than from the dining facility.



Students



Treas. Reg. §1.151-3(b)

Full-time students are "enrolled for some part of 5 calendar months for the number of hours or courses which is considered to be full-time attendance. The 5 calendar months need not be consecutive. School attendance exclusively at night does not constitute full-time attendance."

Treas. Reg. §1.151-3(c)

A qualifying educational institution is "a school maintaining a regular faculty and established curriculum, and having an organized body of students in attendance. It includes primary and secondary schools, colleges, universities, normal schools, technical schools, mechanical schools, and similar institutions, but does not include noneducational institutions, on-the-job training, correspondence, night schools, and so forth.



Students



Generally, a household WON'T qualify for an LIHTC unit if the household is comprised entirely of full-time students.

• **EXCEPTIONS** (household of full-time students qualifies if):

One tenant:

- Receives Title IV of Social Security Act (TANF)
- Is enrolled in Job Training Partnership Act program or similar program
- Was previously a foster child (effective after 7/31/08)

All tenants are:

- Single parents and their dependent children (but parent and children can't be dependents of another individual), OR...
- Tenants married and file joint tax return (or able to file a joint tax return)



Lease Considerations

OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS IRC §42(i)(3)

- Suitable for occupancy
- Non-transient use (initial lease ≥ 6 months) for non-SRO units
- Cannot be entirely occupied by full-time students (unless an exception is met)
- For use by general public consistent with:
 - Fair Housing Act
 - IRC §42(g)(9) A project does not fail to meet the general public use requirement solely because of occupancy restrictions or preferences that favor tenants:
 - With special needs
 - Who are members of a specified group under a federal or state program
 - Are involved in artistic or literary activities
 - HUD non-discrimination rules

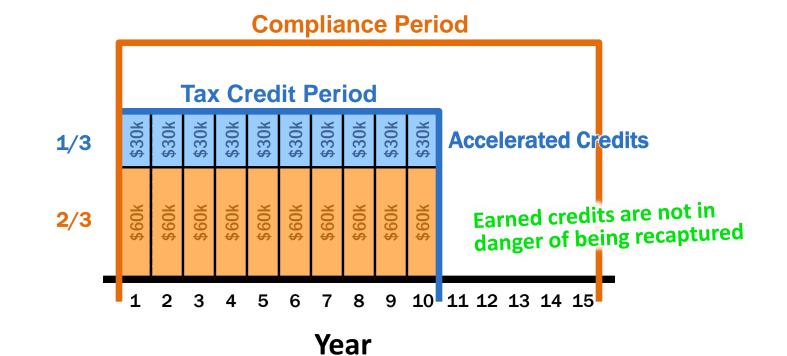


Calculating Credits

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	x Ten Years	<u> </u>	10
	Total LIHTCs	\$	900,000



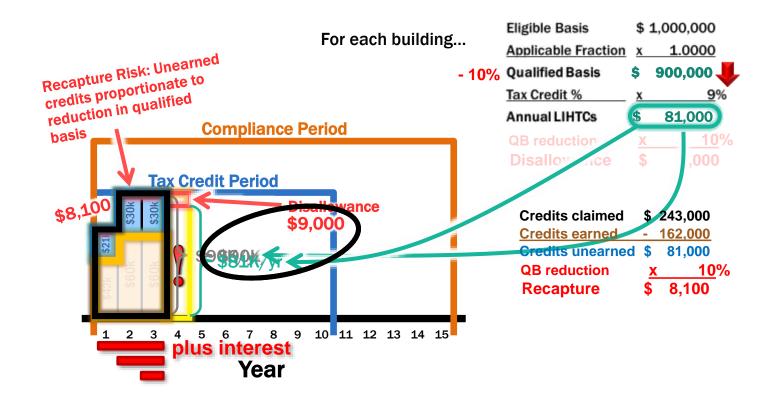
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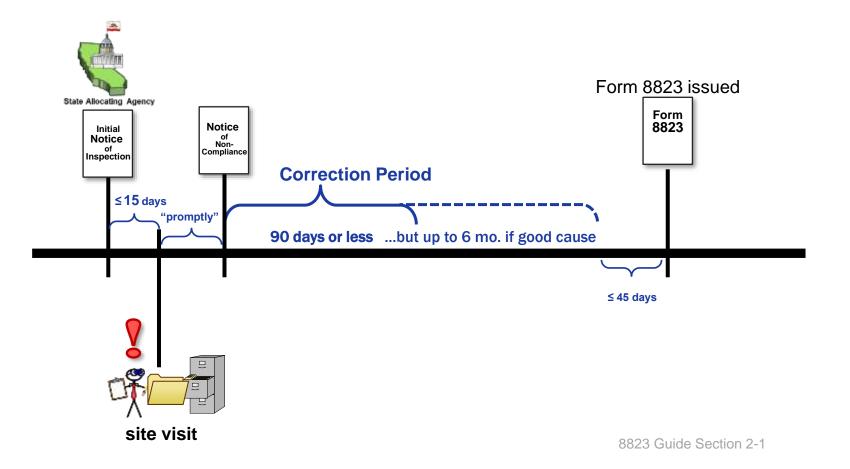


Calculating Credit Loss



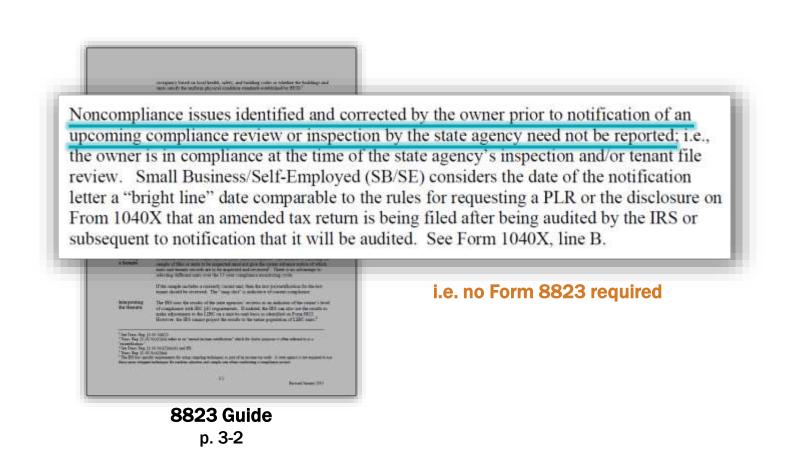
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Inspection Timeline



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"Bright Line" Date



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Record Retention

- Revenue Ruling 2004-82
 - Electronic storage is acceptable for tenant files for IRS purposes
 - State agencies may still require paper copies
- Treasury Regulation §1.42-5
 - Number of residential units and sq ft of each unit
 - Percentage of low-income units
 - Rents charged and utility allowance documentation
 - Number of occupants in each unit
 - Vacancies and dates of move-in/out
 - Income certification and documentation
 - Eligible basis and qualified basis at close of first credit period
 - Character and use of common area
 - Records should be retained for 6 years
 - Records of the tenants that initially qualified the units back in Year One should be retained for 21 years





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