

# Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) FAQs

# Am I eligible for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA)?

Eligible applicants for ERA through Franklin County RISE must:

- Be currently employed by a licensed child care program in Franklin County (must submit proof of employment for application)
- Have a current written & signed rental lease agreement in Franklin County (no handwritten lease agreements will be accepted)
- Meet income guidelines (see Income Eligibility chart below)
- Be delinquent on rent or unable to make their next rent payment
- Be able to provide evidence of hardship such as:
  - Underemployment or loss of hours
  - o Received a past due rent notice
  - o Received an eviction notice on or After April 1st, 2020
  - Risk of experiencing homelessness
  - o Reduction of income or increased household costs due to COVID-19

# **Income Eligibility Chart**

Household Size	Income Limit 80% of AMI
1	\$52,500
2	\$60,000
3	\$67,500
4	\$74,950
5	\$80,950
6	\$86,950
7	\$92,950
8	\$98,950

In addition to the income eligibility, priority is given to early childhood educators currently in the process of eviction.

#### I am a Type B Family Child Care provider, can I apply?

Yes, emergency rental assistance applies to any early childhood educator who lives in Franklin County in a rental property.







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# Am I eligible if I own my own home?

No, rental assistance is only for those living in a rental property

# I am not directly teaching children in the classroom but I am still employed by licensed child care program. Am I still eligible?

Yes. If you are support staff employed by licensed child care, you are still eligible.

#### How much rental assistance can I receive?

Applicants can apply for up to 18 months (including past due rent and up to 3 future months) of rental assistance as long as it covers the full balance that is currently due. There is no cap on the dollar amount given. If you have applied and been approved for rental assistance in the past, those months count toward your 18-month eligibility total.

# Will my landlord/property manager be notified?

Yes, all landlords/property managers must be notified and complete verification documents in order for the application to be processed.

### Can my landlord/property manager refuse to participate?

Yes, however, most landlords/property managers are willing to participate.

#### Where do I apply for Emergency Rental Assistance?

<u>Click here</u> to complete an online application. <u>Click here</u> for a step-by-step guide on how to complete the application.

#### What documentation is needed?

As part of the application process, you will need to provide:

- If you work for a Center or Type A provider, a letter of employment from your Child Care Program or Paystubs that list your Child Care program. If you are a Type A or B owner, submit a copy of your current license.
- 30 days proof of income OR 2020 1040 Tax Return 2020 Year End income documents for all
  household OR provide written attestation OR fall under Fact-Based Proxy OR fall under Categorical
  Eligibility
- Identification Documentation
- Signed copy of lease agreement OR attestation of lease with a post lease agreement date in writing from both parties or written lease attestation









# How soon after applying will I hear back?

Typical processing time can vary based upon the volume of applications received. AFC staff will work to review your application as quickly as possible.

Have more questions? Learn more on our website or email us at RISEHelp@actionforchildren.org!







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