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ABOUT THE LA COUNTY RENT REGISTRY USER GUIDE

The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) launched the LA County Rent Registry in October 2021, as part of the County's Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protections Ordinance and the Mobilehome Rent Stabilization and Mobilehome Owner Protections Ordinance. Rent Registry allows landlords and mobilehome park owners to provide required rental housing information in compliance with the County ordinances, report changes in tenancy, rental rates, and amenities, and pay annual registration fees for the administration and enforcement of the Rent Stabilization Program.

This guide provides step-by-step instructions to help landlords and mobilehome park owners register rental properties located in unincorporated Los Angeles County with the Rent Registry.

To learn more about the County's Rent Registry, visit https://dcba.lacounty.gov/rentregistry.

To register rental properties, please visit https://www.rentregistry.dcba.lacounty.gov.

For any questions or assistance, contact DCBA's Rent Stabilization Program:

Phone: (800) 593-8222

Email: rentregistry@dcba.lacounty.gov

In-person or Mail: Attn: Rent Stabilization Program

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What You Need to Create Your Account:

- An active email account
- Your property's Assessor Parcel Number (APN)*
- ✓ Your property's Personal Identification Number (PIN)*
- Tenant rental records

*Your property's APN and PIN can be found in the notification letter mailed to you. If you did not receive the letter, please contact DCBA for assistance.

Steps to Register Your Property:

□ Create a Rent Registry Account

- Visit the Rent Registry website at www.rentregistry.dcba.lacounty.gov.
- Enter your email and create a password.
- Check your email for account confirmation and verify your username and password.

□ Add your Rental Property

- Claim your rental property in the Rent Registry by entering your APN and PIN.
- Update your contact information.
 - Name, phone number, email, and mailing address of property owner (required) and property manager (if you do not have a property manager, check the "Same as Owner" box)

□ Enter Unit Information for Each Unit located on the Property

- Enter the property's unit information.
- Unit number, type of occupant in the unit, amenities included with rent, rent amounts, date of occupancy, and dates and amounts of past rent increases.
- Enter your tenant's information.
 - Contact information, if the tenant is a qualified tenant, and preferred language

□ Request an Exemption (if applicable)

• Request an exemption for each applicable unit.

□ Submit your Registration

• Ensure all information is correct before submitting. Once submitted, DCBA staff will review and approve or deny the registration.

□ Pay Annual Registration Fees

 Once your registration is approved, you will be notified of a pending payment status. Access the system to start the payment process.

RENT REGISTRY CHECKLIST FOR RETURNING USERS

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What You Need to Log In to Your Account:

- Your user name and password
- ▼ Tenant rental records

Steps to Register Your Property:

□ Log In to the Rent Registry

- Visit the Rent Registry website at www.rentregistry.dcba.lacounty.gov.
- o Enter your email and password to log in.
- Check your email for account confirmation and verify your username and password.

□ Report changes

- Report changes to your property such as vacancies or new tenants.
- Update tenant information such as rent increases, changes in amenities contact information, if the tenant is a qualified tenant, and preferred language.
- Please add any new units on your rental property, if applicable.

Please note: If there are no changes to be reported, skip this step and proceed tp "Submit Your Registration."

□ Request an Exemption (if applicable)

 Request an exemption for each applicable unit. Make sure to request required exemption before submitting registration.

□ Submit your Registration

 Ensure all information is correct before submitting. Once submitted, DCBA staff will review and approve or deny the Registration.

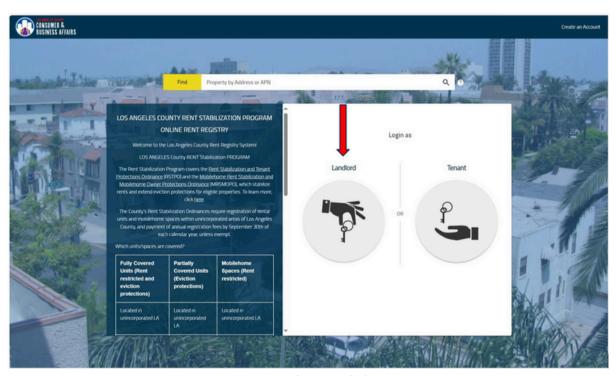
□ Pay Annual Registration Fees

• Once your registration is approved, you will be notified of a pending payment status. Enter the system to start the payment process.



STEP 1: VISIT THE REGISTRY WEBSITE

Visit the LA County Rent Registry website at <u>www.rentregistry.dcba.lacounty.gov</u> and click the icon under "Landlord."

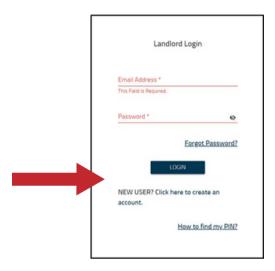


Rent Registry Website

STEP 2: LOG IN

Returning Landlords: Enter your login information to access the registry.

First-Time Users: Landlords registering rental properties for the first time may proceed by clicking "NEW USER? Click here to create an account" below the LOGIN button. (see image below)*



*PLEASE NOTE: You will receive a confirmation email from rentregistry@dcba.lacounty.gov after creating your account.

STEP 3: CONFIRM LOGIN AND LANDLORD INFORMATION

Once you are logged into the system, you will see the "Dashboard."



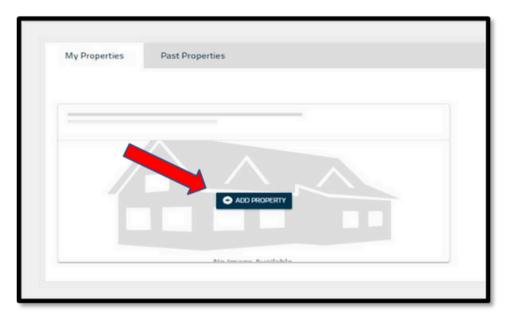
Returning Landlords: All properties that have been successfully added to your account will appear in the dashboard. You may add additional properties by following the instructions included in the following section, "Adding a Property."

First-time Users: If this is your first time accessing the system, your dashboard will be empty, as shown above.

ADDING A PROPERTY

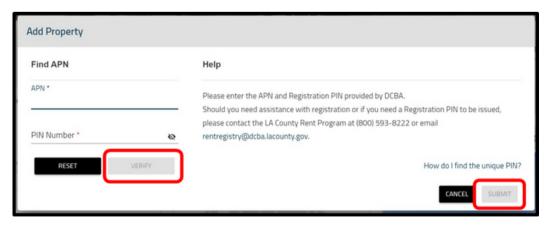
STEP 1: ADD YOUR PROPERTY

To add a property, click the "ADD PROPERTY" button on your dashboard.



STEP 2: ENTER APN AND PIN

After clicking the "ADD PROPERTY" button, a pop-up window will ask you to enter the Assessor Parcel Number (APN) and Personal Identification Number (PIN) associated with your property. Can't find your PIN? Email us at rentregistry@dcba.lacounty.gov. Use the subject line "Need My PIN" and include your name and property address in the email. Our team will send you your PIN so you can complete the registration process. Be prepared to verify your property address and confirm ownership information.



After entering the required information, click "VERIFY" to confirm the APN and PIN are correct for the property address. If they are correct, click "SUBMIT."

To add additional properties, repeat these steps beginning with clicking the "ADD PROPERTY" button.

REGISTERING YOUR PROPERTY

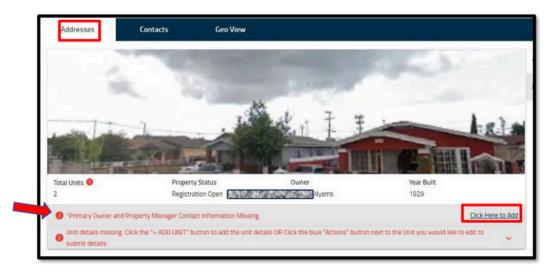
Landlords are required to register rental properties beginning July 1 of every year. To avoid late fees, annual registration should be completed by September 30. The dashboard will indicate if your property is ready for registration. If it is ready, the APN status will read "Registration Open" (see below).



Click "Open" to continue.

STEP 1: UPDATE PRIMARY OWNER AND PROPERTY MANAGER INFORMATION

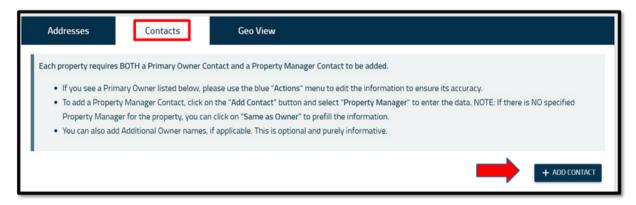
If property owner information is missing, update it by clicking "Click Here to Add" or by selecting the "Contacts" tab (see below).





Click "+ADD CONTACT" on the new page that appears and add the required information. You can also edit the existing contact by clicking "ACTIONS" and then "Edit." Each property is required to have **BOTH** of the following contact types:

- Owner Contact Information
- Property Manager Contact Information



Both types of contacts **must** be added to the APN to submit exemptions, amendments, and registration. The property manager information can be the same as the owner.

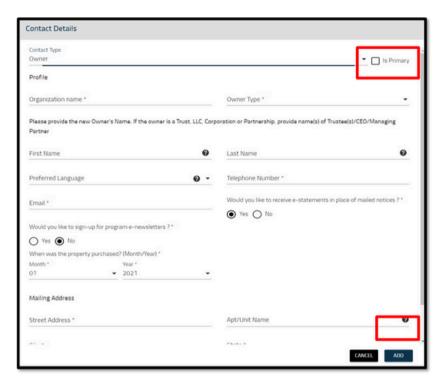
To add additional owner contact details, click the "+ ADD CONTACT" button.

A pop-up window labeled "Contact Details" will open (shown below). From there, you can select from the available contact types.

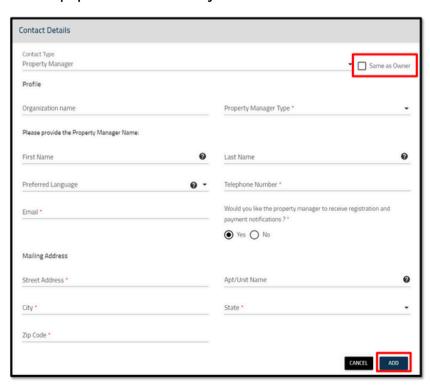
Select "Owner" from the dropdown list to add an additional owner or select "Property Manager" to add the property manager contact details.



To make the owner a primary contact, select the "Is Primary" checkbox. Fill out all required fields in the "Contact Details" form and click "ADD."



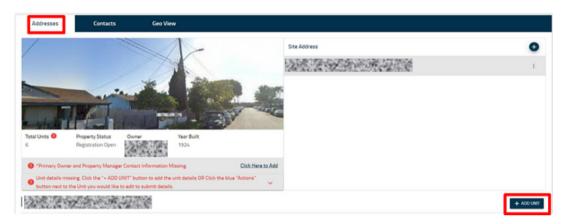
After entering the owner information, add the property manager contact information. If the property manager is the same as the primary contact, check "Same as Owner," and the information will populate automatically.



STEP 2: ADD UNIT INFORMATION

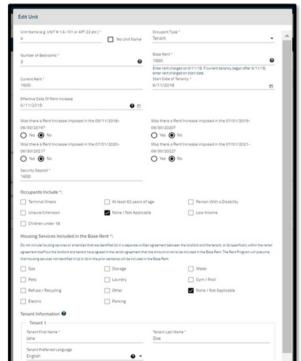
In this section, you will add the rental information for the property, this includes rental information for single family homes, apartments, multi-family units, condos, and rented rooms.

On the "Addresses" tab, click the "+ ADD UNIT" button.

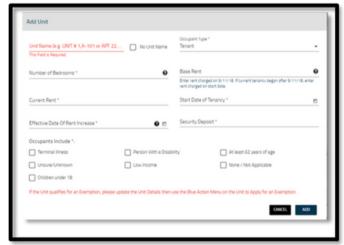


The following pop-up window will appear for fully regulated properties; please enter the required information. Additional options may appear depending on the selected occupant type. For partially regulated properties, a similar version of the window will appear.

Tenant-occupied fully regulated unit example



Tenant-occupied partially regulated example



You will need to ensure all information entered is true and correct - including the base rent* amount.

*PLEASE NOTE: Base Rent for a fully covered rental unit is rent charged on September 11, 2018, or start of tenancy, whichever is later. Base Rent for rent stabilized mobilehome spaces is rent charged on February 13, 2018, or start of tenancy, whichever is later.



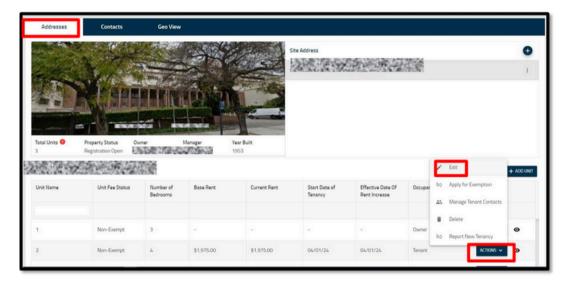
The chart below explains which units/spaces are subject to the County's protections and the coverage type:

Fully Covered Units (Rent restricted and eviction protections)	Partially Covered Units (Eviction protections only)	Mobilehome Spaces (Rent restricted)
Located in unincorporated LA County	Located in unincorporated LA County	Located in unincorporated LA County
Certificate of Occupancy (or its equivalent) issued on or before February 1, 1995	Most rental units, including Single Family Homes (SFH) & Condos, unless exempt	Constructed on or before January 1, 1990
Residential unit on a property with two (2) or more units		Containing recreation vehicles, in which the owners of such recreational vehicles have been residing on the mobilehome space for nine (9) or more consecutive months
Mobilehomes offered for rent by the owner of the mobilehome regardless of the date of the certificate of occupancy or equivalent permit		Month-to-month, short-term leases, or long- term leases entered into after February 13, 2020

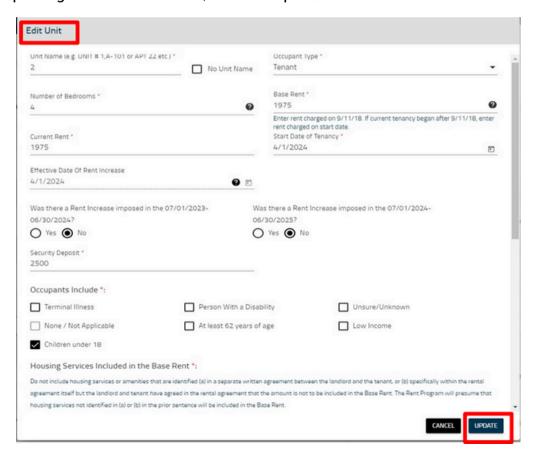
STEP 3: EDIT UNIT INFORMATION FOR AN ONGOING TENANCY

If reporting a new tenancy or a vacancy, please go to Step 4: Report New Tenancy or Vacancy.

To update a unit, on the "Addresses" tab click the "ACTIONS" button, then select "Edit."

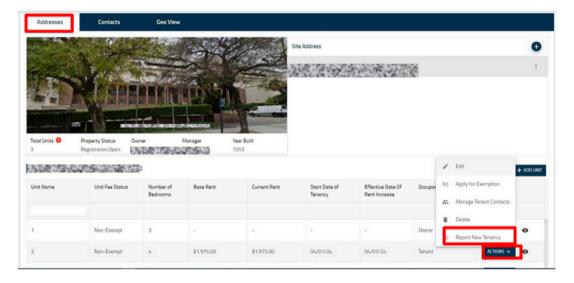


After updating the unit information, click the "Update" button.

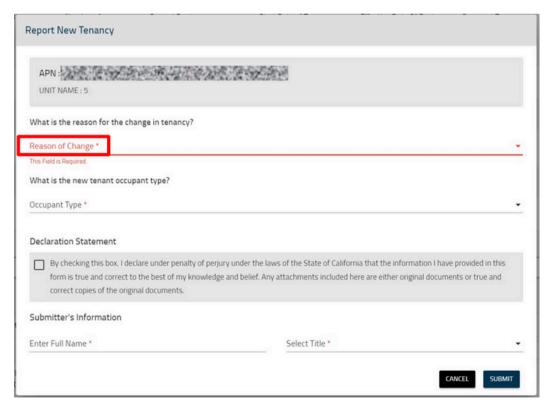




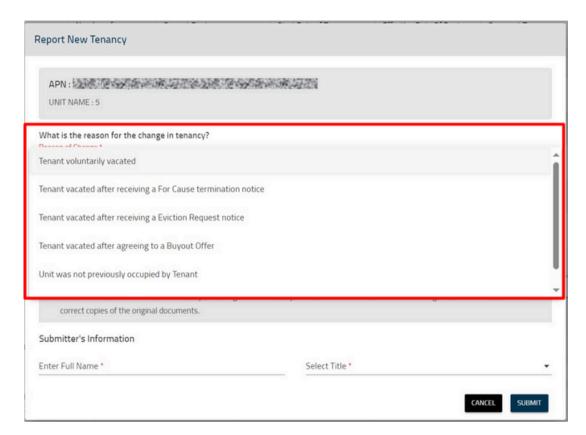
On the "Addresses" tab click the "ACTIONS" button for the specific unit then click "Report New Tenancy."



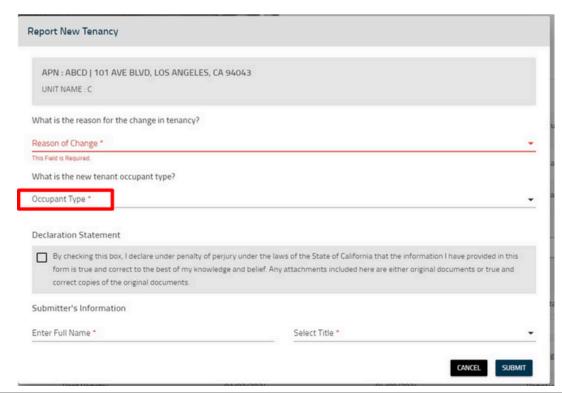
Click "Reason of Change."



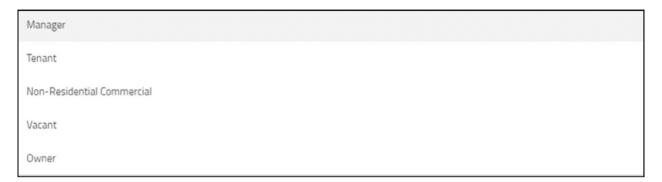
Select a reason for the change in tenancy.



Click "Occupant Type."



Select an occupant type.



Complete the remaining required sections then click "Submit."

STEP 5: REQUESTING UNIT EXEMPTIONS

Not all rental units and mobilehome spaces are subject to the RSTPO and MRSMOPO registration fee requirements. To see if your unit or mobile home space may be exempt, you may refer to the RSTPO or the MRSMOPO, respectively.

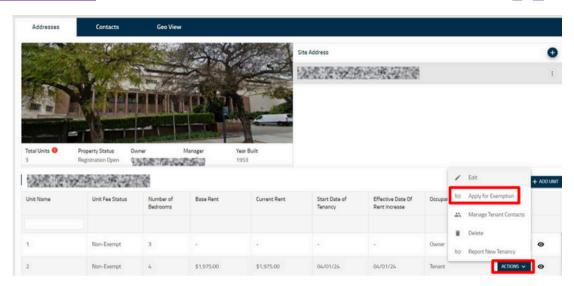
<u>Exemption requests can only be made BEFORE submitting your registration</u>. If exemptions do not apply to your property, skip to step 6.

Below are some examples of qualifying exemptions:

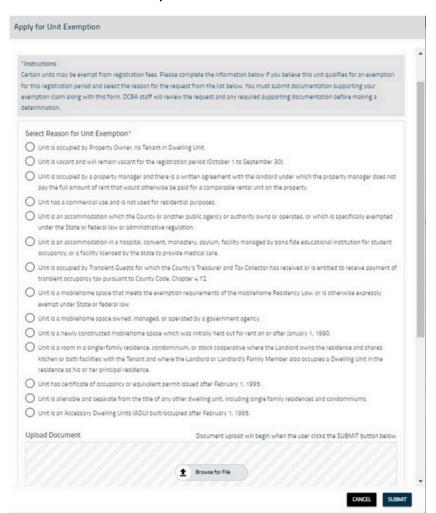
- Unit is vacant and will remain vacant during the whole of the upcoming registration period of October 1 through September 30.
- Unit is rented or leased to transient quest(s) for 30 consecutive days or less.
- Unit has a commercial use and is not used as a residential rental unit.
- Unit is occupied by a property manager, and there is a written agreement with the landlord stating the property manager does not pay the full amount of rent that would otherwise be paid for a comparable rental unit on the property.
- Unit is government-owned or specifically exempted under State or federal law or administrative regulation.
- Unit has a certificate of occupancy or equivalent permit issued after February 1, 1995.

Unit exemptions cannot be requested AFTER registration is completed. Unit exemptions MUST be requested each year during the registration period. Please note: You must submit a separate exemption request for <u>each unit</u>. Supporting documents will be required and must be accompanied with your request for an exemption.

To apply for an exemption, go to the "Addresses" tab. Then, click the "ACTIONS" button next to the unit you believe qualifies for an exemption and select the option "Apply for Exemption" from the dropdown menu.



Select the appropriate unit exemption reason from the list provided, upload any supporting documentation, acknowledge the declaration statement, and provide the Submitter's Information. Once all required information is entered, click "SUBMIT."



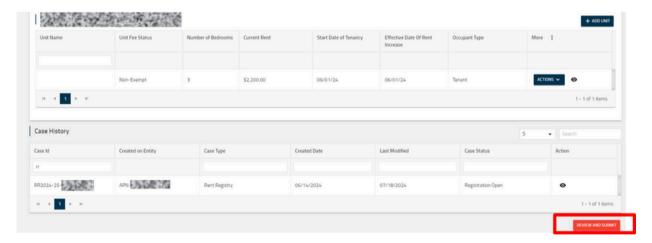
During the review of your request, a Unit Exemption (UE) case will be created. The UE can be found in the "Case History" section at the bottom of the page. While DCBA staff is reviewing your request, you will be able to view the status. During this time, you also have the option to submit additional documentation to support your unit exemption request(s) by mail, email, fax, or by dropping it off in person.



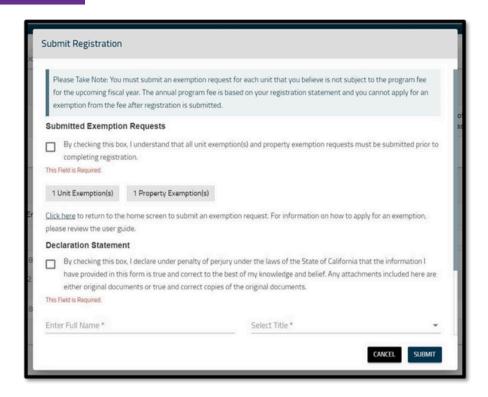
Applying for a Unit Exemption does not guarantee approval. Once submitted, DCBA staff will review each UE request and either approve or deny your request.

STEP 5: SUBMIT REGISTRATION

Once the APN meets all necessary requirements to be submitted for registration, a "Review and Submit" button will appear at the bottom of the "Addresses" tab.



A new page will be displayed for review. This page includes the entered APN details, along with contact information for the owner and property manager, unit details, and case history. Before officially submitting the information, you will have the opportunity to review all the details. After clicking "Submit," a final pop-up will appear allowing you to review one last time and complete the submission process.



You are required to acknowledge and agree to the "Declaration Statement" and provide your name and title.

After clicking "SUBMIT," a window will appear confirming that your registration has been successfully submitted.

DCBA staff will review your submission for any discrepancies. If none are found, your registration status will change from "Pending Staff Review" to "Payment Pending." Once this status appears, you can pay your registration fees through the system.

If the status has changed to "Registration Denied" or "Unit Discrepancy," corrections or edits are required to complete registration.

- Registration Open This property has not been submitted for registration.
- **Pending Staff Review** Property has been submitted for registration and is not yet complete. DCBA staff must review reported information.
- Payment Pending Registration fees can now be paid online, by mail, or in person.
- Payment Received/Registration Completed This is the final step for the registration cycle. No further action is required for the current registration.
- Unit Discrepancy This status appears when the number of units submitted for registration does not match Los Angeles County property records. For example, County records reflect the property has 4-units, but the registration information entered reflects 5-units. Please contact DCBA for assistance to resolve this issue.
- **Registration Denied** Registration may be denied for several reasons including missing exemptions, units, or unit information, among other discrepancies.

To stay informed about your registration status and ensure you make the required payment or corrections BEFORE the registration deadline, regularly check your email and the rent registry for updates.

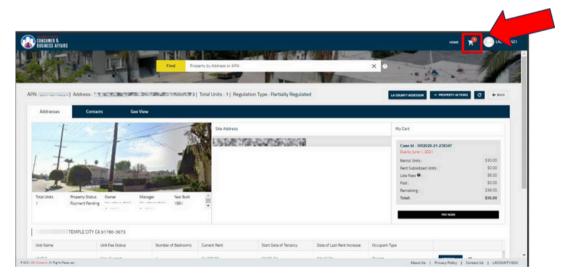
PAYING REGISTRATION FEES

REVIEW YOUR CART AND SUBMIT PAYMENT

The deadline for annual registration and payment of registration fees is September 30. Registration or registration payments submitted after this date may be subject to a 10% late fee.

Once staff has approved the registration, the status of the APN will change to "Payment Pending." If you are viewing property details through the "Addresses" tab of a property that is ready to accept online payment, you will see the "Pay Now" button enabled.

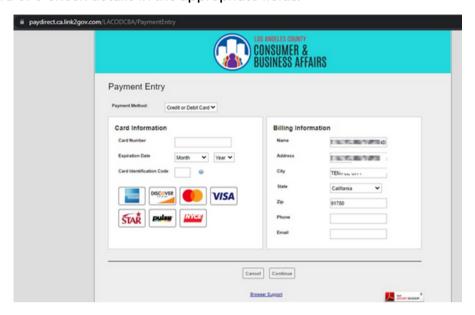
However, if you have multiple properties and are not sure which ones are ready for online payment, click the shopping cart icon in the top right corner of the page (see image below).



On the shopping cart page, you will see all properties that are ready for online payment listed in a table format. Each row will have a "View" icon and a "Pay Now" button. You can pay for one property, a combination, or all your properties at once by selecting or unselecting the checkbox to the left of each property.



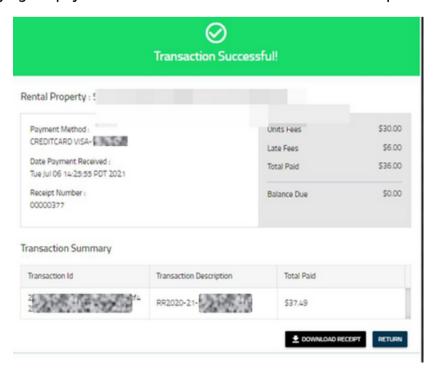
A new page will appear where you will enter your payment information. Enter your credit card or e-check details in the appropriate fields.



Click "Continue" to proceed with your payment.

Review the information for accuracy and verify that the name and billing address match the selected payment method. When ready, click the "Process Payment" button. If you need to make any corrections, click "Go Back/Edit link". If you need to cancel processing of the online payment, click "Cancel."

If your payment is processed successfully, a "Transaction Successful" page will pop-up displaying the payment details and a button to "Download Receipt."



Click the "Return" button when you are finished. You will be redirected to your dashboard. If you have paid for all the properties, the shopping cart icon will disappear.

Registration is complete when all required information has been successfully submitted and registration fees have been paid.



UNABLE TO ACCESS THE RENT REGISTRY

- Make sure the website address is complete: https://www.rentregistry.dcba.lacounty.gov/
- Try different browsers
- Clear out your internet cookies and cache

UNABLE TO LOG IN

- · User account has not been verified
 - Check your email inbox and junk mail folders for the verification email.
- Forgot password
 - Click on icon below Landlord on the homepage, then click "Forgot Password?"

UNABLE TO CLAIM PROPERTY

- Please check the Los Angeles County Annual Rental Registration Notice sent by DCBA to verify that the APN and PIN entered in the Rent Registry match.
- Property does not need to be claimed every year.
- A property can only be added to one account at a time.
 - We recommend checking your records or contacting your property management company to verify if this property has already been added to a user account.
 - If you are a new owner and the property was previously claimed by a previous owner, please contact DCBA for assistance.

UNABLE TO SUBMIT PROPERTY FOR REGISTRATION

- Please make sure that all required contact information for the property owner and property manager has been added.
- Please make sure that all required tenant information has been added.

UNABLE TO COMPLETE PAYMENT ONLINE

- Please make sure that the name and billing address are accurate.
- If a payment attempt fails, please try again after waiting at least 10 15 minutes.

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