Submit Unit Exemption Request

Certain units are exempt from the Rent Program Annual Fee. A landlord must submit a Unit Exemption request for any unit at the property that qualifies to be exempt from the Rent Program Annual Fee.

The Unit Exemption applies to the upcoming fiscal year.

The eligible grounds for a Unit Exemption:

- Unit is owner-occupied.
- Unit is vacant and will remain vacant during the upcoming fiscal year.
- Unit is occupied by a 'temporary tenancy' defined in section 6-58.15.TT, Alameda Municipal Code.
- Unit occupant does not pay rent.
- 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 under which the property manager does not pay the full amount of rent that would otherwise be paid for a comparable rental unit on the property.
- The rent registry has an error in the number of units on this property. This unit does not exist on the property.

Please take note:

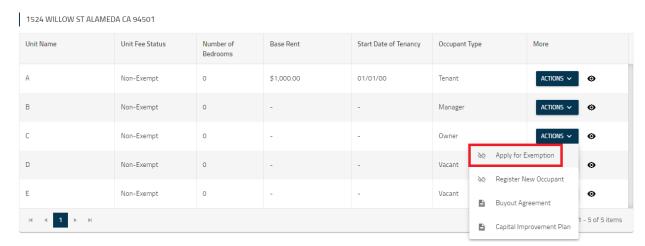
- 1. Applying for a Unit Exemption does not guarantee it will be granted. Staff reviews each submission to determine eligibility.
- 2. The appropriate documentation must be submitted to substantiate the grounds for the exemption.
- 3. If you have already submitted a Unit Exemption request, you cannot submit another request for the same unit unless the Unit Exemption request is denied by Alameda Rent Program staff.
- 4. A landlord may only apply for a Unit Exemption before registration is submitted when the property status is 'Registration Open' or 'Registration Denied'.

Process to apply for a Unit Exemption:

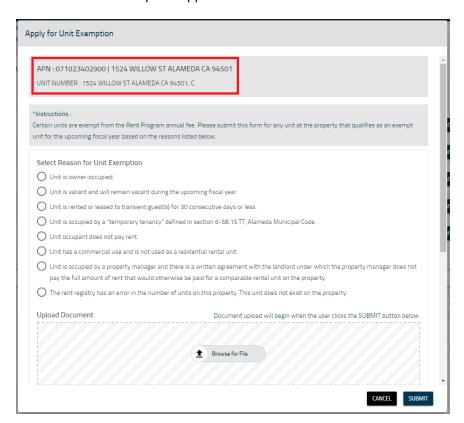
1. Navigate to the Address tab and click on the 'ACTIONS' button for the Unit for which an exemption needs to be submitted.



2. The Action Menu will display a drop-down list. Select 'Apply for Exemption'.

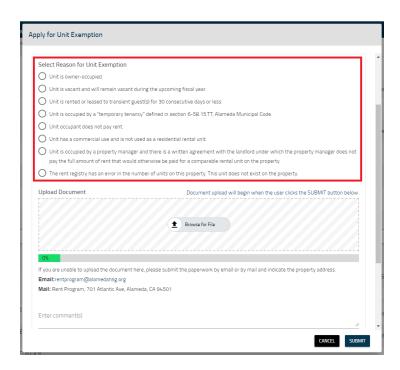


3. The Apply for Unit Exemption pop-up window will appear. At the top of the pop-up window, the APN, Primary Address, and Unit Address are displayed to verify that the correct Unit was selected for the Unit Exemption application.

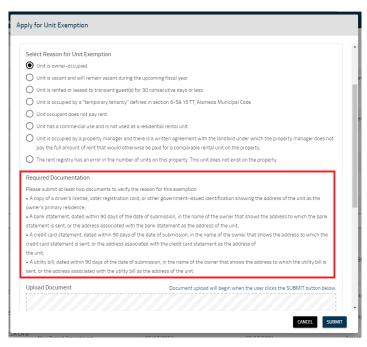


4. Select the Reason for the Unit Exemption application. Only one option may be selected.

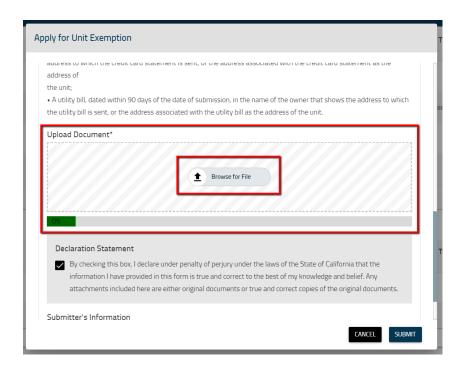
Questions? Contact the Alameda Rent Program at 510-747-7520 or rentprogram@alamedaca.gov



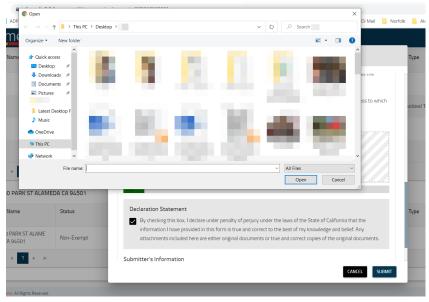
5. Once the Reason for the Unit Exemption is selected, instructions will appear above the 'Upload Document' section to explain the required documents that must be submitted to substantiate the grounds for the Unit Exemption.



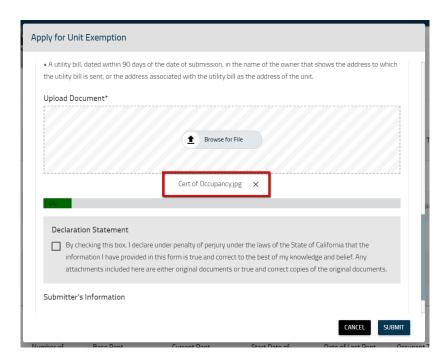
6. Upload the required documentation. Click on the 'Browse for File' area to select a document(s) from your device to upload.



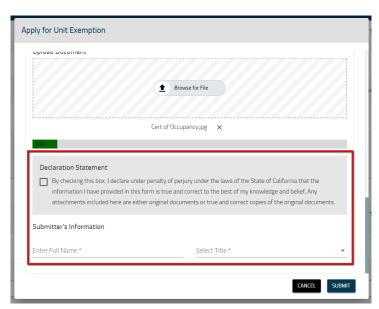
7. Select one or more documents to upload to the Unit Exemption case. Please ensure the uploaded documents meet the Required Documents qualifications.



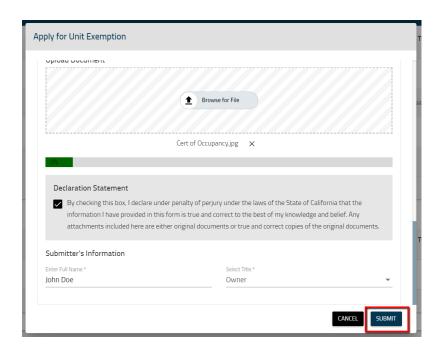
8. Once the appropriate document(s) have been selected and uploaded to the Unit Exemption pop-up window, the document names will be listed below the 'Browse for File' area. There is also an 'X' next to each document name, which allows the user to delete the document if it was uploaded by mistake.



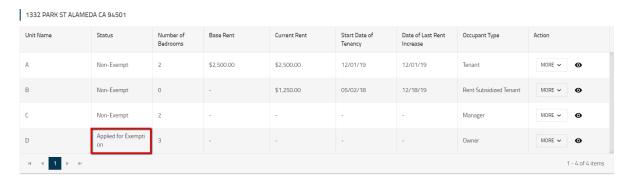
- 9. Enter comments if you would like to share more information. This is optional.
- 10. Review all information entered on the Unit Exemption pop-up window. If all data is accurate, complete the Declaration Statement and Submitter's Information sections. Click on the Declaration Statement check box, enter your Full Name, enter your Title from the drop-down list.



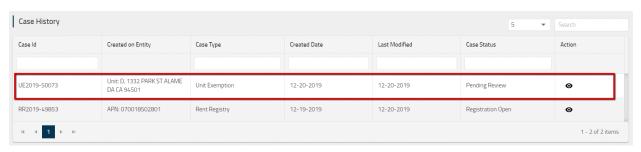
11. Click on the 'SUBMIT' button to submit the Unit Exemption request.



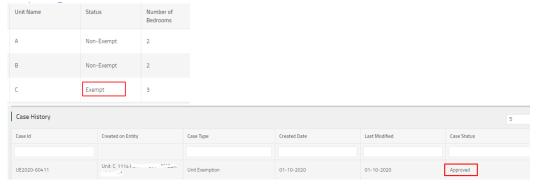
12. Once the Unit Exemption request is submitted, the Address tab will display an updated Unit Status titled, 'Applied for Exemption'.



13. The Case History section on the Address tab will update to include the new Unit Exemption case that was submitted. The case status will display 'Pending Review'.



- 14. The Alameda Rent Program staff will review the Unit Exemption case submission.
- 15. If staff approves the Unit Exemption request, the case status will update to 'Approved' in the Case History section. The unit status in the section above will be updated to 'Exempt.'



16. If the Staff denies the Unit Exemption request, the case status will update to 'Denied' and the unit status will be updated back to 'Non-Exempt.' Staff will inform the Landlord of the reason the Unit Exemption case was denied.

