



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
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To: All Local Housing Authority Executive Directors
From: Ben Stone, Director, Division of Public Housing
Re: Attestation Form for Nonpayment Notices to Quit
Date: December 9, 2022

Need to Know: All LHAs must submit a copy of any Notice to Quit for nonpayment of rent to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (“EOHED”).

This PHN reminds LHAs of the requirements regarding Notices to Quit for nonpayment of rent originally contained in [Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020](#) and as amended by [Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021](#) and by [Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022](#) (the “Laws”).

The Laws currently require all landlords, including LHAs, to submit copies of all Notices to Quit for nonpayment of rent to EOHED. This requirement will end on March 31, 2023 unless further extended by the Legislature. LHAs can submit copies of Notices to Quit to EOHED at the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-notice-to-quit-form-submission>

The Laws also require all landlords, including LHAs, who serve tenants with a Notice to Quit for nonpayment of rent to provide the tenant receiving the Notice to Quit with a signed [Attestation Form](#).

Additional information on these requirements can be found on [EOHED’s eviction webpage](#).

DHCD also reminds LHAs that evictions of state-aided public housing tenants should generally be a last resort, and other means of resolution such as repayment agreements and mediation should be explored before initiating a summary process eviction action.