# THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF TENANT DATA SERVICES, INC.

# PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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## ALL USERS OF TENANT DATA MUST READ THIS CAREFULLY AND RETURN A SIGNED COPY TO TENANT DATA

WE ARE OBLIGATED TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION CERTAIN MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR LEGAL COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS. ALSO, THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT SECURITY PROCEDURES YOU MUST FOLLOW FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION.

For you and your company's protection, all users of Tenant Data must have a signed copy of our Service Agreement and Policies and Procedures on file at Tenant Data.

You are responsible to know and comply with all federal, state, and local laws, including, but not limited to, the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"). Accompanying this Policies and Procedures document is a copy of *Notice to Users of Consumer Reports: Obligations of Users Under the FCRA*. These are summaries that are being provided to you for your information and reference only. You are responsible for making an independent determination of your compliance with the FCRA and any amendments thereto. Please be advised that these documents come from the Federal Trade Commission and in no way constitute legal advice from Tenant Data.

**BE AWARE** that as an authorized user of Tenant Data you must respect the privacy of your applicants with regard to the handling of the confidential information provided by Tenant Data. Certain safeguards are necessary to maintain this important confidence and comply with the laws regulating the use of consumer reports. These safeguards are discussed further below.

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY POLICIES**

All information on the TENANT REPORT, CREDIT BUREAU REPORTS, SSN or EVICTION REPORT, CRIMINAL HISTORY and/or any other service utilized by Tenant Data is deemed **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**.

Only approved personnel that have read and signed a Policies and Procedures form and have a permissible purpose may view and/or use the reports provided by Tenant Data.

# APPLICATION DECLINE or ADVERSE ACTION POLICIES

If you make any adverse decisions (*i.e.* decline rental, increase deposit, require co-signer, etc.) based in whole or in part due to any information received through TENANT DATA, the applicant must receive an adverse action letter by mail or in person. Recommended letters or wording are available through Tenant Data. If an applicant disputes the accuracy of resident history information provided by Tenant Data, the applicant should be directed to Tenant Data and may receive a complimentary report. If an adverse action is taken against an applicant due to credit information found on a credit report, eviction report or criminal history found on a report provided by an entity other than Tenant Data, you should direct the applicant to the source agency to address any dispute and/or to obtain a complimentary copy of his or her report. Tenant Data is simply a reseller of this information and cannot provide the same level of assistance as the source of information. You must include a summary of the consumer's rights under the FCRA with all notices of an adverse decision. This summary is available through Tenant Data for your convenience. The decision to make an adverse decision is yours alone. Tenant Data is not responsible for making any adverse decisions or notifying any applicant of the adverse decision. Tenant Data is also not responsible for your compliance with the FCRA regarding notification of any adverse decisions. Any information contained in this section regarding compliance with the FCRA is for your convenience only, and you are solely responsible for compliance with the FCRA.

# REQUESTING APPLICANT INFORMATION

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You MUST have a signed AUTHORIZATION FOR FILE DISCLOSURE from EVERY applicant before you request applicant information. The authorization may be incorporated in your rental application or on a separate sheet available through Tenant Data for your convenience. You should only accept legible applications and check identification for all applicants. You may request reports only on signed applications for tenancy on property you own or manage. Anyone found requesting reports for applicants on property owned or managed by others may have their service terminated. You must maintain copies of all written authorizations for a minimum of five years.

**Internet service**: When utilizing Internet services, you may access most services provided by Tenant Data 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. These reports can be printed directly on your printer.

Regardless of which method is utilized, all subscribers **must** have a signed AUTHORIZATION FOR FILE DISCLOSURE from each rental applicant **before** requesting reports. Failure to do so may constitute a violation of federal law and result in permanent disruption of tenant reporting and credit reporting services.

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#### **CHARGES**

Charges will accrue monthly and you will be provided with a monthly invoice. Payment is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month in which the invoice was issued. Outstanding invoices are subject to a \$10.00 late fee plus 1.5% interest on any unpaid balance. Outstanding invoices may cause service disruption and may require pre-payment or a deposit plus a \$25.00 re-activation fee. Please see the Service Agreement for more specific details. You must notify Tenant Data within 30 days of a change in your location or mailing address.

A charge will appear on your invoice **each time** you request information from Tenant Data. Each applicant requested will carry a separate charge. Multiple requests for the same applicant will be charged as separate requests. If you experience difficulties receiving a report the

#### **AUTHORIZED USERS**

Anyone utilizing Tenant Data's services or information must be an "Authorized User" and their signed Policies and Procedures form must be on file at Tenant Data's office. Authorized users must have read and signed this document, have a copy, and have read the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S. C. § 1681 et. seq). To add or remove authorized users to your account, please inform Tenant Data by email, fax or mail. All authorized users must certify to Tenant Data that they are obtaining the information on an applicant for a legitimate business need, in connection with a business transaction that was initiated by the applicant and for which the applicant has given Subscriber/ Authorized User and Tenant Data written permission to request and release such information. Authorized users must further certify that the information received from Tenant Data will be for the purpose stated herein and for no other purpose.

#### **SECURITY**

If for any reason you believe an unauthorized person is making transactions on your account, notify Tenant Data immediately.

first time, you **must** contact Tenant Data **prior** to a second attempt to avoid duplicate charges.

# FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

Tenant Data is dedicated to provide the most accurate and complete information available. Tenant Data requires that all "Authorized Users" must have a copy of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. §1681 *et sec.*). Copies are available through Tenant Data and/or the Federal Trade Commission's website at www.ftc.gov.

Section 1681q of the Fair Credit Reporting Act provides that "Any person who knowingly and willfully obtains information on a consumer tenant from a consumer (tenant) reporting agency under false pretenses shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than two years, or both." Tenant Data will terminate your Service Agreement immediately if it reasonably believes that you are not properly maintaining and reporting resident information, intentionally disregarding Tenant Data's policies and procedures, or violating any local, state, or federal law pertaining to fair credit reporting practices or any laws governing the leasing of property, including discrimination laws. Under NO circumstances should a subscriber's Internet access information, PIN number, or accessing procedures be disclosed to individuals calling and/or claiming to be a representative of Tenant Data or any other firm. If you are unsure if you are talking to a Tenant Data representative, call Tenant Data toll free at (800) 228-1837 and ask to speak to a representative.

I hereby certify that I will obtain the information from Tenant Data for a legitimate business need, in connection with a business transaction that was initiated by the consumer and for which the consumer has given me and Tenant Data Services, Inc. written permission to request such information. I hereby certify that the information I will receive from Tenant Data will be for the purpose stated herein and for no other purpose and I will not resell or otherwise provide the reports in whole or in part to any third party.

I further certify that such information is not being requested for employment purposes. I have read, understand and agree to comply with all of the above policies and procedures and to have and read a copy of the Fair Credit Reporting Act and understand my responsibility under the FCRA as well. I have retained a copy of this form and have returned the original signed document or reasonable facsimile to Tenant Data Services, Inc.♦ P O Box 5404 ♦ Lincoln, NE 68505.

Printed Name:	
Company/Property:	
Account Number:	
Email Address:	
Phone number:	
Desired User Name:	
Signature:	Date:

All users of consumer reports must comply with all applicable regulations. Information about applicable regulations currently in effect can be found at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's website, www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

# NOTICE TO USERS OF CONSUMER REPORTS: OBLIGATIONS OF USERS UNDER THE FCRA

The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), 15 U.S.C. §1681-1681y, requires that this notice be provided to inform users of consumer reports of their legal obligations. State law may impose additional requirements. The text of the FCRA is set forth in full at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) website at <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore">www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</a>. At the end of this document is a list of United States Code citations for the FCRA. Other information about user duties is also available at the CFPB's website.

Users must consult the relevant provisions of the FCRA for details about their obligations under the FCRA.

The first section of this summary sets forth the responsibilities imposed by the FCRA on all users of consumer reports. The subsequent sections discuss the duties of users of reports that contain specific types of information, or that are used for certain purposes, and the legal consequences of violations. If you are a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency (CRA), you have additional obligations and will receive a separate notice from the CRA describing your duties as a furnisher.

## I. OBLIGATIONS OF ALL USERS OF CONSUMER REPORTS

## A. Users Must Have a Permissible Purpose

Congress has limited the use of consumer reports to protect consumers' privacy. All users must have a permissible purpose under the FCRA to obtain a consumer report. Section 604 contains a list of the permissible purposes under the law. These are:

- As ordered by a court or a federal grand jury subpoena. Section 604(a)(1)
- As instructed by the consumer in writing. Section 604(a)(2)
- For the extension of credit as a result of an application from a consumer, or the review or collection of a consumer's account. Section 604(a)(3)(A)
- For employment purposes, including hiring and promotion decisions, where the consumer has given written permission. Sections 604(a)(3)(B) and 604(b)
- For the underwriting of insurance as a result of an application from a consumer. <u>Section</u> 604(a)(3)(C)
- When there is a legitimate business need, in connection with a business transaction that is <u>initiated</u> by the consumer. <u>Section 604(a)(3)(F)(i)</u>
- To review a consumer's account to determine whether the consumer continues to meet the terms of the account. Section 604(a)(3)(F)(ii)
- To determine a consumer's eligibility for a license or other benefit granted by a governmental instrumentality required by law to consider an applicant's financial responsibility or status. Section 604(a)(3)(D)
- For use by a potential investor or servicer, or current insurer, in a valuation or assessment of the credit or prepayment risks associated with an existing credit obligation. Section 604(a)(3)(E)
- For use by state and local officials in connection with the determination of child support payments, or modifications and enforcement thereof. Sections 604(a)(4) and 604(a)(5)

In addition, creditors and insurers may obtain certain consumer report information for the purpose of making "prescreened" unsolicited offers of credit or insurance. <u>Section 604(c)</u>. The particular obligations of users of "prescreened" information are described in Section VII below.

# **B.** Users Must Provide Certifications

Section 604(f) prohibits any person from obtaining a consumer report from a consumer reporting agency (CRA) unless the person has certified to the CRA the permissible purpose(s) for which the report is being obtained and certifies that the report will not be used for any other purpose.

## C. Users Must Notify Consumers When Adverse Actions Are Taken

The term "adverse action" is defined very broadly by Section 603. "Adverse actions" include all business, credit, and employment actions affecting consumers that can be considered to have a negative impact as defined by Section 603(k) of the FCRA – such as denying or canceling credit or insurance, or denying employment or promotion. No adverse action occurs in a credit transaction where the creditor makes a counteroffer that is accepted by the consumer.

#### 1. Adverse Actions Based on Information Obtained From a CRA

If a user takes any type of adverse action as defined by the FCRA that is based at least in part on information contained in a consumer report, Section 615(a) requires the user to notify the consumer. The notification may be done in writing, orally, or by electronic means. It must include the following:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the CRA (including a toll-free telephone number, if it is a nationwide CRA) that provided the report.
- A statement that the CRA did not make the adverse decision and is not able to explain why the decision was made.
- A statement setting forth the consumer's right to obtain a free disclosure of the consumer's file from the CRA if the consumer makes a request within 60 days.
- A statement setting forth the consumer's right to dispute directly with the CRA the accuracy or completeness of any information provided by the CRA.

# 2. Adverse Actions Based on Information Obtained From Third Parties Who Are Not Consumer Reporting Agencies

If a person denies (or increases the charge for) credit for personal, family, or household purposes based either wholly or partly upon information from a person other than a CRA, and the information is the type of consumer information covered by the FCRA, Section 615(b)(1) requires that the user clearly and accurately disclose to the consumer his or her right to be told the nature of the information that was relied upon if the consumer makes a written request within 60 days of notification. The user must provide the disclosure within a reasonable period of time following the consumer's written request.

# 3. Adverse Actions Based on Information Obtained From Affiliates

If a person takes an adverse action involving insurance, employment, or a credit transaction initiated by the consumer, based on information of the type covered by the FCRA, and this information was obtained from an entity affiliated with the user of the information by common ownership or control, Section 615(b)(2) requires the user to notify the consumer of the adverse action. The notice must inform the consumer that he or she may obtain a disclosure of the nature of the information relied upon by making a written request within 60 days of receiving the adverse action notice. If the consumer makes such a request, the user must disclose the nature of the information not later than 30 days after receiving the request. If consumer report information is shared among affiliates and then used for an adverse action, the user must make an adverse action disclosure as set forth in I.C.1 above.

# D. Users Have Obligations When Fraud and Active Duty Military Alerts are in Files

When a consumer has placed a fraud alert, including one relating to identity theft, or an active duty military alert with a nationwide consumer reporting agency as defined in Section 603(p) and resellers, Section 605A(h) imposes limitations on users of reports obtained from the consumer reporting agency in certain circumstances, including the establishment of a new credit plan and the issuance of additional credit cards. For initial fraud alerts and active duty alerts, the user must have reasonable policies and procedures in place to form a belief that the user knows the identity of the applicant or contact the consumer at a telephone number specified by the consumer; in the case of extended fraud alerts, the user must contact the consumer in accordance with the contact information provided in the consumer's alert.

# E. <u>Users Have Obligations When Notified of an Address Discrepancy</u>

Section 605(h) requires nationwide CRAs, as defined in Section 603(p), to notify users that request reports when the address for a consumer provided by the user in requesting the report is substantially different from the addresses in the consumer's file. When this occurs, users must comply with regulations specifying the procedures to be followed. Federal regulations are available at www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore.

# F. <u>Users Have Obligations When Disposing of Records</u>

Section 628 requires that all users of consumer report information have in place procedures to properly dispose of records containing this information. Federal regulations have been issued that cover disposal.

## II. CREDITORS MUST MAKE ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES

If a person uses a consumer report in connection with an application for, or a grant, extension, or provision of, credit to a consumer on material terms that are materially less favorable than the most favorable terms available to a substantial proportion of consumers from or through that person, based in whole or in part on a consumer report, the person must provide a risk-based pricing notice to the consumer in accordance with regulations prescribed by the CFPB.

Section 609(g) requires a disclosure by all persons that make or arrange loans secured by residential real property (one to four units) and that use credit scores. These persons must provide credit scores and other information about credit scores to applicants, including the disclosure set forth in Section 609(g)(1)(D) ("Notice to the Home Loan Applicant").

# III. OBLIGATIONS OF USERS WHEN CONSUMER REPORTS ARE OBTAINED FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES

# A. Employment Other Than in the Trucking Industry

If the information from a CRA is used for employment purposes, the user has specific duties, which are set forth in Section 604(b) of the FCRA. The user must:

- Make a clear and conspicuous written disclosure to the consumer before the report is obtained, in a document that consists solely of the disclosure, that a consumer report may be obtained.
- Obtain from the consumer prior written authorization. Authorization to access reports during the term of employment may be obtained at the time of employment.
- Certify to the CRA that the above steps have been followed, that the information being
  obtained will not be used in violation of any federal or state equal opportunity law or
  regulation, and that, if any adverse action is to be taken based on the consumer report, a

- copy of the report and a summary of the consumer's rights will be provided to the consumer.
- **Before** taking an adverse action, the user must provide a copy of the report to the consumer as well as the summary of consumer's rights (The user should receive this summary from the CRA.) A Section 615(a) adverse action notice should be sent after the adverse action is taken.

An adverse action notice also is required in employment situations if credit information (other than transactions and experience data) obtained from an affiliate is used to deny employment. Section 615(b)(2).

The procedures for investigative consumer reports and employee misconduct investigations are set forth below.

# B. Employment in the Trucking Industry

Special rules apply for truck drivers where the only interaction between the consumer and the potential employer is by mail, telephone, or computer. In this case, the consumer may provide consent orally or electronically, and an adverse action may be made orally, in writing, or electronically. The consumer may obtain a copy of any report relied upon by the trucking company by contacting the company.

# IV. OBLIGATIONS WHEN INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORTS ARE USED

Investigative consumer reports are a special type of consumer report in which information about a consumer's character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living is obtained through personal interviews by an entity or person that is a consumer reporting agency. Consumers who are the subjects of such reports are given special rights under the FCRA. If a user intends to obtain an investigative consumer report, Section 606 requires the following:

- The user must disclose to the consumer that an investigative consumer report may be obtained. This must be done in a written disclosure that is mailed, or otherwise delivered, to the consumer at some time before or not later than three days after the date on which the report was first requested. The disclosure must include a statement informing the consumer of his or her right to request additional disclosures of the nature and scope of the investigation as described below, and the summary of consumer rights required by Section 609 of the FCRA. (The summary of consumer rights will be provided by the CRA that conducts the investigation.)
- The user must certify to the CRA that the disclosures set forth above have been made and that the user will make the disclosure described below.
- Upon the written request of a consumer made within a reasonable period of time after the
  disclosures required above, the user must make a complete disclosure of the nature and
  scope of the investigation. This must be made in a written statement that is mailed or
  otherwise delivered, to the consumer no later than five days after the date on which the
  request was received from the consumer or the report was first requested, whichever is later
  in time.

# V. SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATIONS

Section 603(x) provides special procedures for investigations of suspected misconduct by an employee or for compliance with Federal, state or local laws and regulations or the rules of a self-regulatory organization, and compliance with written policies of the employer. These investigations are not treated as consumer reports so long as the employer or its agent complies with the procedures set forth in Section 603(x), and a summary describing the nature and scope of the inquiry is made to the employee if an adverse action is taken based on the investigation.

# VI. OBLIGATIONS OF USERS OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

Section 604(g) limits the use of medical information obtained from consumer reporting agencies (other than payment information that appears in a coded form that does not identify the medical provider). If the information is to be used for an insurance transaction, the consumer must give consent to the user of the report or the information must be coded. If the report is to be used for employment purposes – or in connection with a credit transaction (except as provided in federal regulations) – the consumer must provide specific written consent and the medical information must be relevant. Any user who receives medical information shall not disclose the information to any other person (except where necessary to carry out the purpose for which the information was disclosed, or a permitted by statute, regulation, or order).

# VII. OBLIGATIONS OF USERS OF "PRESCREENED" LISTS

The FCRA permits creditors and insurers to obtain limited consumer report information for use in connection with unsolicited offers of credit or insurance under certain circumstances. Sections 603(1), 604(c), 604(e), and 615(d). This practice is known as "prescreening" and typically involves obtaining from a CRA a list of consumers who meet certain pre-established criteria. If any person intends to use prescreened lists, that person must (1) before the offer is made, establish the criteria that will be relied upon to make the offer and grant credit or insurance, and (2) maintain such criteria on file for a three-year period beginning on the date on which the offer is made to each consumer. In addition, any user must provide with each written solicitation a clear and conspicuous statement that:

- Information contained in a consumer's CRA file was used in connection with the transaction.
- The consumer received the offer because he or she satisfied the criteria for credit worthiness or insurability used to screen for the offer.
- Credit or insurance may not be extended if, after the consumer responds, it is determined
  that the consumer does not meet the criteria used for screening or any applicable criteria
  bearing on credit worthiness or insurability, or the consumer does not furnish required
  collateral.
- The consumer may prohibit the use of information in his or her file in connection with future
  prescreened offers of credit or insurance by contacting the notification system established by
  the CRA that provided the report. The statement must include the address and toll-free
  telephone number of the appropriate notification system.

In addition, the CFPB has established the format, type size, and manner of the disclosure required by Section 615(d), with which users must comply. The regulation is 12 CFR 1022.54.

# VIII. OBLIGATIONS OF RESELLERS

# A. <u>Disclosure and Certification Requirements</u>

Section 607(e) requires any person who obtains a consumer report for resale to take the following steps:

- Disclose the identity of the end-user to the source CRA.
- Identify to the source CRA each permissible purpose for which the report will be furnished to the end-user.
- Establish and follow reasonable procedures to ensure that reports are resold only for permissible purposes, including procedures to obtain:
  - (1) the identity of all end-users;
  - (2) certifications from all users of each purpose for which reports will be used; and

(3) certifications that reports will not be used for any purpose other than the purpose(s) specified to the reseller. Resellers must make reasonable efforts to verify this information before selling the report.

# B. Reinvestigations by Resellers

Under Section 611(f), if a consumer disputes the accuracy or completeness of information in a report prepared by a reseller, the reseller must determine whether this is a result of an action or omission on its part and, if so, correct or delete the information. If not, the reseller must send the dispute to the source CRA for reinvestigation. When any CRA notifies the reseller of the results of an investigation, the reseller must immediately convey the information to the consumer.

# C. Fraud Alerts and Resellers

Section 605A(f) requires resellers who receive fraud alerts or active duty alerts from another consumer reporting agency to include these in their reports.

# IX. LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FCRA

Failure to comply with the FCRA can result in state government or federal government enforcement actions, as well as private lawsuits. <u>Sections 616, 617, and 621</u>. In addition, any person who knowingly and willfully obtains a consumer report under false pretenses may face criminal prosecution. <u>Section 619</u>.

The CFPB's website, <u>www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore</u>, has more information about the FCRA, including publications for businesses and the full text of the FCRA.

## Citations for FCRA sections in the U.S. Code, 15 U.S.C. § 1618 et seq.:

Section 602	15 U.S.C. 1681	Section 615	15 U.S.C. 1681m
Section 603	15 U.S.C. 1681a	Section 616	15 U.S.C. 1681n
Section 604	15 U.S.C. 1681b	Section 617	15 U.S.C. 1681o
Section 605	15 U.S.C. 1681c	Section 618	15 U.S.C. 1681p
Section 605A	15 U.S.C. 1681cA	Section 619	15 U.S.C. 1681q
Section 605B	15 U.S.C. 1681cB	Section 620	15 U.S.C. 1681r
Section 606	15 U.S.C. 1681d	Section 621	15 U.S.C. 1681s
Section 607	15 U.S.C. 1681e	Section 622	15 U.S.C. 1681s-1
Section 608	15 U.S.C. 1681f	Section 623	15 U.S.C. 1681s-2
Section 609	15 U.S.C. 1681g	Section 624	15 U.S.C. 1681t
Section 610	15 U.S.C. 1681h	Section 625	15 U.S.C. 1681u
Section 611	15 U.S.C. 1681i	Section 626	15 U.S.C. 1681v
Section 612	15 U.S.C. 1681j	Section 627	15 U.S.C. 1681w
Section 613	15 U.S.C. 1681k	Section 628	15 U.S.C. 1681x
Section 614	15 U.S.C. 1681I	Section 629	15 U.S.C. 1681y