

**User Manual** 



# ResidentCheck Procedures Manual

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## Section I: Getting Started

### Establishing Your User Name and Password

Once your community has been set up to use *ResidentCheck*, an administrator working for your community will provide each associate with a User Guideline Form. After completing this form, fax it to *ResidentCheck* and your personal and confidential User Name (also called login name) and Password will be established. If you have any questions or comments in establishing your User Name or Password, please contact *ResidentCheck* at (800) 491-2580 ext. 154 or e-mail password@residentcheck.com.

### Users may not share login names.

### Accessing ResidentCheck

Login to the Internet and type www.residentcheck.com in the address box and press **ENTER**.

The first time you access *ResidentCheck* the browser may ask if you "trust" *ResidentCheck* for secure communications. Check "yes" or "OK." You can also check the box saying that you don't need to see this warning again.

An example of the ResidentCheck screen is shown below.





## Section I: Getting Started

### Logging In

At the beginning of each *ResidentCheck* session you will need to log in with your User name and Password.

At the Member Login section of the home page, type your User Name and Password.



When your User Name and Password have been entered, click the "Login" button and you will have access to the *ResidentCheck* Welcome Menu screen as shown below. To begin processing an application select "New App".





## Section II: Choosing the Application Type

Each Application type in *ResidentCheck* has a different functionality and purpose. It is important to choose the proper application type to ensure an accurate decision.

#### InstaCheck

Individual or married leaseholder, includes students with verifiable income and no guarantor.

#### Guarantor

Usually a parent/guardian that is guaranteeing the monies for the lease. Most commonly used for students with no verifiable income.

#### Roommate

More than two persons who will occupy the same apartment. All persons applying as roommates will have to qualify individually in all areas except for income. The income will be combined to qualify. When entering the application in *Resident Check*, under # of roommates, it is a total count of all persons who willbe leaseholders, including the applicant you are entering.

### Special Circumstance for Roommates

- One is a student w/guarantor and one works full-time Enter the student as a student – his income does not matter, a guarantor will be necessary to cover the income. Enter the other applicant as a roommate, on the lease info page under roommates income input the guarantor's income. This will allow the full-time employed applicant to qualify for the rent/income ratio with the student.
- 2. Non-married applicants and one will be solely responsible for the monies of the lease and the other does not have verifiable income. You will need to enter both applicants as roommates and reference the other person on the lease information page. On the lease info page input \$0 for the non-working person and the income for the working person, and as long as the one applicant qualifies, the income will count for both.
- 3. Parent and a child who is a college student (over 18, must be a leaseholder), Follow steps for #2. Same as a working and non-working roommate.
- 4. 2 or more non-married full-time employed persons apply and one is denied. The other will either need to secure another roommate, or decide to qualify for a unit on his or her own. They would need to be re-entered as a new applicant for the new unit.
- An applicant is moving in with an established resident. You will not
  process the existing resident again. The new applicant needs to be
  entered as a roommate. On the lease info page you will need to input
  the income of the existing resident.

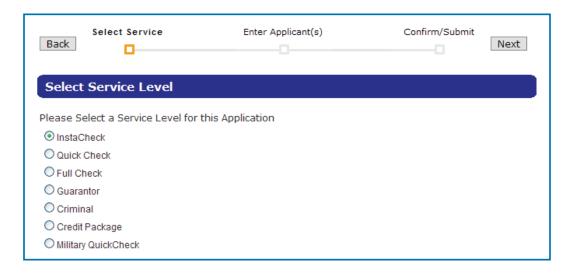
Student

Has no verifiable income and has a guarantor that covers income only. Must qualify in all other areas independently.



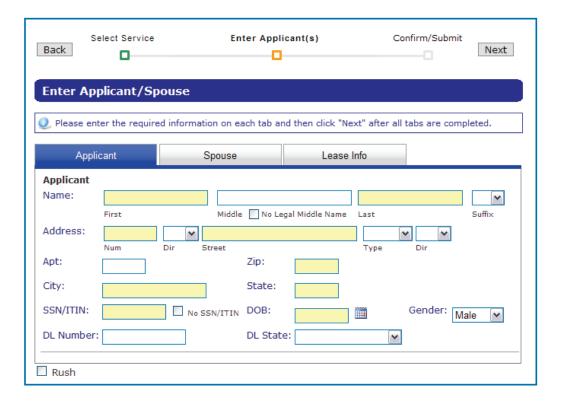
## Section II: Entering A New Application

### Select Application Type



After selecting the application type from the choices provided, click **Next** and begin entering the applicant's information.

### **Explanation of Data Entry Screen**





## Section II: Entering A New Application

On the Data Entry screen (shown on the previous page) you will notice three tabs titled **Applicant**, **Spouse**, and **Lease Info**.

**Applicant** is for entering the primary applicant's identifying information including name, address, SSN, date of birth, driver's license number and state of issue. The system will automatically format the SSN and the date of birth.

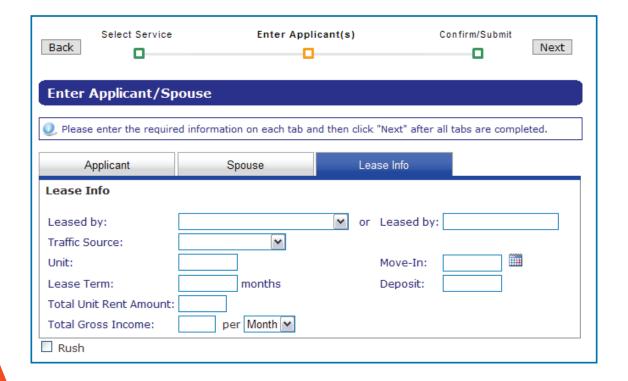
Address fields are divided into the following: **Num** is for the street number, **Dir** is for direction, N, S, E, W, SW, etc., **Street** is for the street name, **Type** is the street type, ST, AVE, BLVD, etc, **Zip Code** is positioned before the City and State fields—the system will display the city and state once you have entered a valid zip code for the applicant.

Once completed, click the **Spouse** button to proceed to the **Spouse** or click the **Lease Info** tab.

**Spouse** is used to enter identifying information for married applicants choosing to apply jointly. It is not necessary to enter an address for the spouse unless an alternate address has been provided. After entering the spouse's identifying information, click the **Lease Info** button to proceed.

**Lease Info** is for entering the Leasing Agent, Traffic Source, Unit Number, Move in Date, Length of Lease, Deposit Amount, Rent Amount, Total Monthly Income. This information is used for calculating the Rent to Income Ratio and for creating Demographic Risk Management Reports.

When all the information is entered, click **Next**.

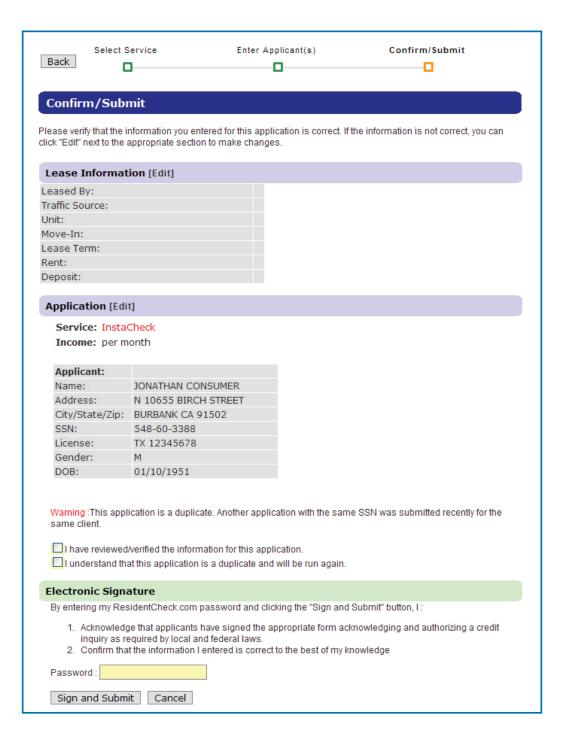




# Section II: Entering A New Application

### **Confirmation Page**

This will display the **Confirmation/Submit** notification. Verify all the information entered is correct, if not, click Cancel and make the necessary corrections. If the information is correct and the applicant has signed the application, enter your password and click **Sign and Submit**.





## Section III: Sample Report With Explanations

#### 1. Applicant's Information

Identifies the personal information provided by the applicant (name, social security number, driver's license number, birth date).

#### 2. Verification of SSN

Verifies the year the SSN was issued. It also shows the number of inquiries on the given number as well as on the applicant's address(es) and DOB. Alternate names (i.e. aliases, maiden or previous surnames, or nicknames) will also be identified.

#### 3. Credit Report Includes:

#### 3a. Profile Summary

This is a summary of the credit report including public records, bankruptcies, liens, civil actions against the applicant and current or delinquent accounts.

#### **3b. Addresses & Employers**

Applicants address(es), including dates reported, the reported source, and number of subscribers that have reported the address. This also includes the applicant's employer(s), including dates reported, the reported source, and number of subscribers that have reported the employer.

#### 3c. Tradelines

These represent the individual accounts as reported to the credit bureaus, including creditor's name, payment status, payment history, and account status.

#### **Confidential Application**

PREPARED

PHONE: 555-568-5698 CITY HEIGHTS FAX: 555-698-6523 4200 SUNSET BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90901 PREPARED MATTHEW X569 1/22/2004 9:56:44 AM **PEGGY SUE** 

LEASED Applicant(s)

FOR:

APPLICANT

NAME: JONATHAN QUINCY CONSUMER

BIRTH DATE: 1/10/1951

DRIVERS LICENSE: TX 12345678 UNIT: 206 MOVE IN 1/1/2004 RENT: 750 DEPOSIT: 350 ROOMMATES: 0

SSN Verification

DOB: 1951 INPUT SSN ISSUED: 1965-1966 JONATHAN QUINCY CONSUMER

FROM 03/01/96 INQ COUNT FOR SSN = 0 JACK CONSUMER FROM 03/01/96 INQ COUNT FOR ADDRESS = 15 JOHN SMITH

JONATHAN SMITH JONES, JR.

SSN: 555-707-

3.	Credit Report
v.	Orcart Report

	PROFILE SUMMARY		CLICK TO HID	E SECTION
	PUBLIC RECORDS:	2	PAST DUE AMOUNT:	\$1,421
_	INSTALLMENT BALANCE:	\$45,037	EST. MONTHLY PAYMENT:	\$1,865
	REAL ESTATE BALANCE:	\$234,000	REAL ESTATE PAYMENT:	\$3,128
3a.	REVOLVING BALANCE:	\$14,657	REVOLVING AVAILABLE:	27%
	CREDIT:	3		
	INQUIRIES:	0		
	INQUIRIES IN SIX MONTHS:	2	OLDEST TRADELINE:	01/68
	PAID ACCOUNTS:	10	SATISEACTORY ACCOUNTS:	6

	NOW DELINQUENT:	3	PRE	VIOUSLY DEL	INQUENT:	0
3b.	ADDRESSES				CLICK TO HIDE SE	CTION
	10655 N BIRCH ST	BURBANK	Α	90210	12/02 - 11/03	2
	1314 SOPHIA LN	AKRON	Α	44307	10/01 - 8/02	2
	2600 BOWSER ST	DENTON	Δ	76200	8/99 - 7/01	6

12600 BOWSER ST **EMPLOYERS** 

JENKINS LAWNS 2035 BROADWAY SUITE 300 LOS ANGELES CA 03/02 **BELL AUTOMOTIVE** 15111 MAIN STREET BURBANK CA

PUBLIC RECORDS COUNTY SPR CT SANTA ANA 09/19/1993 3019999 \$1,200 PLANTIFF: MOORE BROS. CIV CL JUDG #BP1234P509877505853

**US BANKRUPTCY** 02/10/1993 \$1.200 PLANTIFF: MOORE BROS **BK 13-PETIT** #BP1234P509877505853 **VOLUNTARY** 

TRADELINES

SUBSCRIBER OPEN DATE AMT-TYPF 1 AMT-TYPF 2 CONDITION SUB# KOB TYP TRM ECDA BALANCE **BALANCE** PYMT LEVEL **MONTHS** DATE RF\/ LAST PAID MONTH PYMT PAST DUE MAXIMUM STATUS: **PYMT HISTORY** 

\* BAY COMPANY 01/68 \$1,400 -L -NA-BKADJPLN 2390466 DC CHG REV 2 05/31/96 (99) 05/96 \$0 STATUS: DELINQ 180 7654321CCCC00CCCCCCCCCCCC PYMT HISTORY:

\*ACCOUNT PREVIOUSLY IN DISPUTE-NOW RESOLVED-REPORTED BY SUBSCRIBER\*



## Section III: Sample Report With Explanations

**Credit Report** 

#### 3d. Inquiries

A listing of companies who have inquired on the applicant's credit.

#### 3e. Previous ResidentCheck **Inquiries**

A listing of all the communities where the applicant has applied through ResidentCheck.

#### 4. TeleCheck Inquiry

Presents a snapshot of the current check-writing status of the applicant.

See Below

*EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION 1220855 BC CRC REV 2	02/85 01/15/98	\$10,000 -L	\$9,612 -H	OPEN (00)
1220000 BC CRC REV 2	1/98	\$6,029 \$180	02/85 -NA-	(99)
STATUS: CUR ACCT	PYMT I	HISTORY: CCC	CCCCCC000000C	CCCCCCCC
*STATE BANK	01/90	\$10,000 -L \$8,628	\$7,108 -H	OPEN (85)

5/96 \$225 -NA-STATUS: CUR ACCT

\*HOME FINANCIAL 05/90 \$400,000 -O -NA-**OPEN** 5935250 FM R/E 360 2 01/12/98 \$234,000 05/90 (92)12/97 \$3.128 -NA-STATUS: CUR ACCT 

\*MOUNTAIN BK 03/93 \$43,225-O -NA-OPEN \$19,330 1119999 BI SEC 060 2 12/17/96 12/96 (39)11/96 \$956 \$956 STATUS: 30 3TIMES 

\*CENTRAL BANK 12/93 \$22.350-O -NA-**OPEN** \$11,050 1132912 BI AUT 048 1 06/15/96 06/96 (31)5/96 \$465 \$465 STATUS: 30 DAYS DEL PYMT HISTORY: 1CCCCC CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC

\*ABC COLLECTIONS 09/94 \$500 -O -NA-COLLACCT 3980999 YC UNK UNK 2 (20)04/05/96 \$250 09/94 -NA--NA-

STATUS: COLLACCT ORIGINAL CREDITOR: GREAT APARTMENTS

\*HEMLOCKS 02/95 -NA--NA-**OPEN** 2313849 DC ISC 024 3 -NA-02/95 (17)\$180 -NA-

STATUS: CUR ACCT \*TRAVEL CHARD USA 03/95 \$4,000 -L \$3,612 -H PAID 3488520 N CRC 001 1 12/20/97 \$0 12/97 (34)-NA

STATUS: CUR ACCT 

\*ISLAND SAVINGS 05/96 \$7,000 -L \$5,700 -H **CLOSED** 1211248 BC CRC REV 2 10/01/97 05/96 \$0 (18)

STATUS: CUR ACCT \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*ACCOUNT CLOSED AT CONSUMERS REQUEST\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

3d.

HILLSIDE BANK 10/21/97 2240679 BC -NA- UNK **BAY COMPANY** 12/03/98 2390446 DC 1500 CHG **HEMLOCKS** 12/03/98 2312849 DC -NA- UNK

IF YOUR APPLICANT IS DENIED DUE TO ANYTHING IN THIS CREDIT REPORT THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO: EXPERIAN CONSUMER ASSISTANCE AT 1-888-397-3742

**Previous ResidentCheck Inquiries** 

OAK HILL APARTMENTS 555-555-5555 08/05/2002

TeleCheck Inquiry NAME PROVIDED JONATHAN CONSUMER

LICENSE PROVIDED: TX 12345678

**RESPONSE:** CODE 4 RECORD # 8014722

APPLICANT HAS A RECENT OR ACTIVE BAD CHECK

IF YOUR APPLICANT IS DENIED DUE TO ANYTHING IN THIS TELECHECK INQUIRY THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO: TELECHECK CONSUMER ASSISTANCE AT 1-800-366-2425



Blue arrow indicates an account in negative status Red arrow indicates a housing related debt



## Section III: Sample Report With Explanations

#### 5. Eviction Record Search

Displays information on evictions, including property informationas well as debt owed.

#### 6. Criminal Record Search

Lists all felony and misdemeanor convictions on record for the applicant, including judgment set aside, case pending and deferred adjudication.

## 7. Employment History – Current

Provides the applicant's current employer, including employment dates, salary, position held, and who verified employment.

#### 8. Address History - Current

Provides the applicant's current address, rent amount, move in-out dates, proper notice, pets, roommates, lease again and who verified the information.

#### 9. FACT Act Fraud Alert

Fraud Alerts, known as **RED FLAGS**, appear on the credit report to identify potential identity theft. These Red Flags can be issued by either the consumers, the credit bureau or by law enforcement. The statements, when reported on the applicant's credit report, will appear on the *ResidentCheck* report using the Alert Statement Text.

#### 10. Scoring Recommendation

ResidentCheck provides a recommendation based on the client's selection of a Custom Score Model or AccuScore approval guidelines.

Eviction Record Search

LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA
CASE: EV123456798 FILED: 9/20/02 DISPOSITION: 10/15/02

PLANTIFF: OAK HILLS APTS JUDGEMENT: \$1500

COMMENTS:

6. Criminal Record Search

STATUS: RECORD(S) FOUND

SUMMIT, OH

CASE: CR-2002- DEGREE: MISD FILED: 11/12/01 DISPOSITION: 11-2569-B OFFENSE: POSS OF MARIJUANA 0-2 OZ

SENTENCE: FINE\$
COMMENTS: NAME ON FILE: JONATHAN Q CONSUMER DOB ON FILE: 01/10/51

DENTON, TX

CASE: F-1999 DEGREE: FELONY FILED: 11/12/01 DISPOSITION: 06/20/2000

OFFENSE: MAN/DEL CS PG 1 > = 4G < 200G
SENTENCE: 5 YEARS DEFFERED ADJUDICATION FINE \$1000
COMMENTS: NAME ON FILE: JONATHAN CONSUMER

ADDRESS ON FILE: 2600 BOWSER DENTON, TX 76209 DOB ON FILE: 01/10/1951

7 Employment History - Current

EMPLOYER: JENKNS LAWNS POSITION: LANDSCAPER
PHONE: 555-755-2300 EMPLOYED FROM: 2/15/02 TO (CURRENT)
VERIFIED BY: DARYL JENKINS-OWNER MONTHLY INCOME: 3000

COMMENTS: THE APPLICANT NEEDS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF INCOME. THANK YOU.

Address History - Current

SOURCE: APPLICATION
OWNER: BEVERLY HILLS TOWNHOUSES
PHONE: 555-505-1798
LATE PAYMENT: 0
NSF CHECKS: 2
ROOMMATE: NO

ADDRESS: 10655 N BIRCH ST 515 PROPER NOTICE GIVEN: NO LEASE AGREEMENT FULFILLED: NO

VERIFIED: APT LEFT CLEAN: MOVE IN: 01/01/02 MOVE OUT: (CURRENT) LEFT WITH DAMAGE:

RENT AMMOUNT: \$550
VERIFIER: LISA SMALLWOOD-ASSIST MGR
DEPOSIT REFUNDED:
LEASE AGAIN: YES

THE APPLICANT NEEDS TO PROVIDE PROPER NOTICE TO VACATE. THANK YOU.

9. FACT Act Fraud Alert
CONSUMER ALERT CLEAR
BUREAU ALERT CLEAR

ADDRESS DISCREPENCY ALERT CLEAR

CLEAR

10. Scoring Recommendation

BASED ON CRITERIA SUPPLIED BY THE CLIENT: 4.5
CREDIT RISK FACTOR:

**ADDITIONAL FACTORS:** 

FACT ACT FRAUD ALERT 0.0 CRIMINAL - FELONY CONVICTION(S) OR PENDING CASE 0.0 CRIMINAL - MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION(S) OR PENDING CASE 0.0 EVICTION(S) 0.0 FALSE SSN 0.0 HOUSING DEBT(S) 0.0 100.0 VERIFIED HOUSING DEBT(S) VERIFY SPECIFIED # MONTHS EMPLOYMENT 0.0

ACCUSCORE: 104.5

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

**VERIFY SPECIFIED # MONTHS RENTAL** 

DENIED

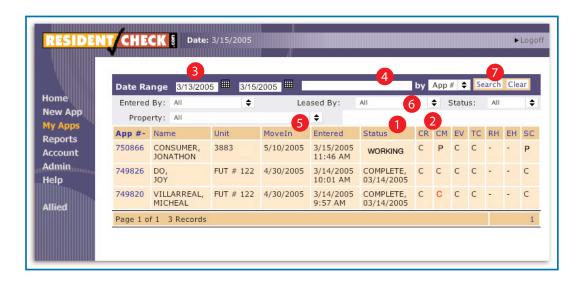


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## Section IV: Accessing an Existing Application

### Searching for a Working, Pending, or Completed Application

After logging in and proceeding to the Welcome Menu screen, click the My Apps link. This will bring you to a screen like the one shown below:



There are three Status (1) categories: WORKING, PENDING and COMPLETE.

The **working** category confirms we are processing your application.

The **pending** status indicates we are waiting for further information to proceed. The application will go into working status once the information has been received. If the required information is not received within 3 days it will automatically change to the complete status.

The **complete** status shows that all processing has been completed.

Each application will display the date the application was completed.

The **Service Codes (2)** are **CR** for credit. **CM** for criminal, **EV** for evictions, **TC** for Telecheck, **RH** for rental history, **EH** for employment history and **SC** for score.

The **Application Codes** are **C** for complete, **P** for pending and – if the application does not receive this service.



# Section IV: Accessing an Existing Application

**Date Range (3)** – Set appropriate date range to search for an applicant. By default the date range is set to two weeks prior to the current date.

**Search Field (4)** – Sort applications based on application number, applicant's name or SSN. Type in the information in the first box and choose a category in the second box.

**Status (5)** – Sort by the applicant's move-in date.

**Entered By (6)** – Sorts applications entered by you or all applications entered for your community.

**Search (7)** – Click Search when you have set all your search parameters to review the application.

After having located the applications, double click it to view the details.

### Helpful Hints:

You can sort your applicants by name or application number by clicking on the "Name" or "App #" links at the top of each column.

By double clicking on the applicant's name you will be brought to the **Report** screen.



## Section V: Adverse Action Letter

This is a sample letter that may be sent to applicants who are denied or have been approved with additional conditions. Your management company may have a customized version. To access this letter, simply click on the Action Letter link in the header when viewing a report. For further information, please go to the following link: <a href="https://www.ftc.gov/os/statutes/fcra.htm">www.ftc.gov/os/statutes/fcra.htm</a>

GREAT AMERICAN APARTMENTS 1234 MAIN STREET ANYWHERE, USA 12345	Phone: Date:	555-555-5555 10/6/03
ROGER DAVIS 1234 ANY STREET ANYWHERE, USA 12345		
Your application for residency, dated 9/8/2003 at GREAT AM ☐ Not been approved ☐ Been Approved with an additional deposit/co-sign		APARTMENTS has:
The decision is based upon:  'Your credit history  Information provided by a former landlord  Your eviction history  Pending Criminal Record  Other		
In evaluating your application, the following marked custom with the information that in whole or in part influenced our collect and manage consumer credit information and do not they will be unable to provide specific reasons why your res	decision. make cree	The credit bureaus only dit decisions. Therefore,
<ul> <li>□ ResidentCheck Resident/Employee Screening, In 4230 LBJ Freeway, Ste, 407, Dallas, TX 75244</li> <li>□ Experian, P.O. Box 949, Allen, TX 75013</li> <li>□ Equifax, P.O. Box 10573, Atlanta, GA 30373</li> <li>□ TransUnion, P.O. Box 390, Springfield, PA 19064</li> <li>□ Other</li> </ul>		972.404.0808 800.491.2580 888.397.3742 800.685.1111 800.888.4213
You have certain rights under federal and state law with the may obtain a free copy of this information from this credit bu the right to directly dispute with the consumer-reporting age of any information contained within your consumer credit reports.	reau within ncy the ac	60 days. You also have
Authorized Signature:	_	



Fax to: 972.233.5365



### **User Guideline Form**

I acknowledge my responsibility for complying with the following Guidelines for Responsible Use and understand that the guidelines are based upon the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), the Fair Housing Act (FHA), and the ResidentCheck Subscriber Agreement.

### Guidelines for Responsible Use

- 1. I may use only my own personal User ID and password to run ResidentCheck transactions.
- 2. I must keep my User ID and password physically secure and will not allow others to use it.
- 3. If I transfer to another community, I must request a new User ID and password. I understand that I can only run transactions for the community that I was assigned a user ID and password for and if I work at more than one community I will need a user ID and password that is unique for each community.
- 4. I may run ResidentCheck transactions only for individuals (and their co-signers) applying for residence at the community listed on the bottom of this form. I understand that if another community calls and wants the community listed on the bottom of this form to screen an applicant for them we cannot do this. If for any reason a community cannot access the Internet or is in need of assistance in running an application they must call ResidentCheck.
- 5. Before running a ResidentCheck transaction, I must obtain the signature of all applicants and co-signers on the rental application.
- 6. All information that I supply to the ResidentCheck system must be accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge.
- 7. I, or a property representative, must check a government-issued picture ID (e.g., driver's license) for each applicant present, and match the name against that on the leasing application. (In states without photos on drivers' licenses, the signature on the state ID may be compared with the signature on the leasing application.)
- 8. I must follow my community's policy for making the final rental decision.
- 9. If our rental decision is anything other than to accept the application with our standard lease terms and conditions, then I must provide the applicant with an Adverse Action Letter, as required by the FCRA.
- 10. I must file a copy of the Adverse Action Letter (if applicable) in our file containing the leasing application.

#### \*Required Information

Signature*:	Date of Birth*:
Printed Name*:	Last 4 of SSN*:
Management Company*:	Date:
Community Name(s)	Phone # :
Position or Title:	
E-mail Address:	
Login:	Desired login - first initial, followed by last name (Example:) jsmith
Password:	Minimum 7 characters, 2 numeric - Password may NOT contain user name (Example:) apartment123