STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE Rental Applications

Standard Operating Procedure

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Objective:

The purpose of this SOP is to monitor all the people who expressed interest renting our property and to convince them to possibly rent our property.

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Overview:

Interested leads are someone who expressed interest on our property to rent. Once we receive an application, we need to summarize every offer or application and make a decision within one hour and follow up accordingly.

To summarize all the interested people:

- Check if they have a stable lifestyle, stable income, good long rental history, no criminal & eviction records, moving in date is nearby date. Credit score not very important as many tenants doesn't come with a good credit score.
- Write a summary based on the pre-screening.
- Decide within an hour whether they are a good lead or not.
- Prioritize the applications of good leads and proceed further to book showings.

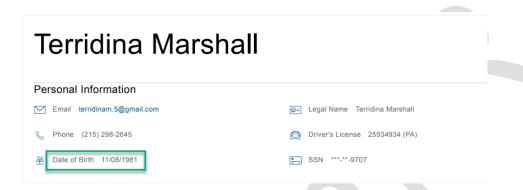
Important Points:

- Every offer, interested, and application must have a next step with a follow up date and time and who wrote it.
- In the next steps and follow up date and time fields, write the best and highest offer and the time and date when to follow up.
- Summary: Write a summary considering all the important parameters.
- Make a decision in one hour whether the lead fits in to all our select criteria send the lease draft
 immediately (subject to the missing info, verifying docs, verifying criminal or credit score records).
- Do not mark the interested people inactive from "Rental Applicants" or "Offer Received" until they buy another house or unless we sell our house or we reject because of a bad summary.
- If they withdrew their offer, follow up in the next 7 days and know whether they have bought any house or not. There is still a chance that they might change their mind and buy our property.

Procedure:

Monitoring Rental Applications

- 1. Once the application is received via "Zumper" or "Showmojo" or "Email", identify the following details of the applicant:
 - DOB (Applicant should be above years)

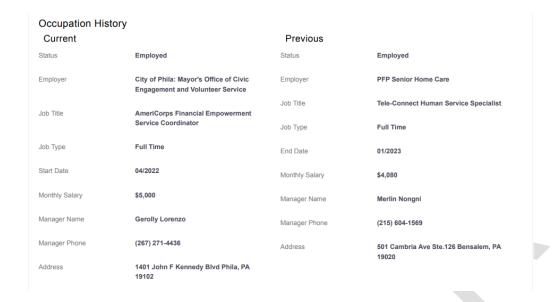


 Residence History (check the duration of stay at present and prior address and reason for leaving)

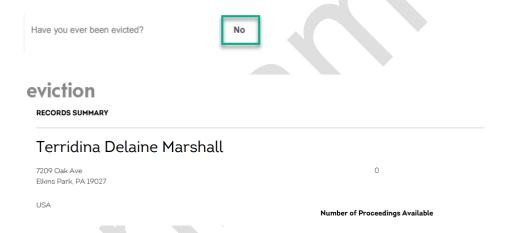


Occupation History Current and Previous (check whether have a stable income and also check whether the applicants income is 3 times the monthly rent) to decide if they are affordable or not).

Note: Before deciding their stable income, make sure to check the income of other applicants as well.



Eviction History (It should be No. Also, check Eviction Record Summary)



• Bankruptcy (It should be No).

Note: If it is "Yes":

- Check if it should not be within 5 years.
- Check their credit history whether the applicant is paying in time or not and make a decision.



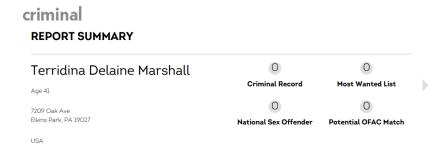
• Convicted of selling, distributing or manufacturing illegal drugs (It should be No)



Additional Information (Pets, furniture, bedbugs, smoke, etc.)



- Move in date (If it's later than 3 months just update the follow up date and do not follow up until that time).
- Criminal record (check the criminal report summary)



- Document verification (Verification documents on Pay stub, If self-employed get bank statements)
- Credit History (Consider credit score with 650 and above as "Good"; For credit score in between 500 600, consider them with an extra security deposit and a co-sign).

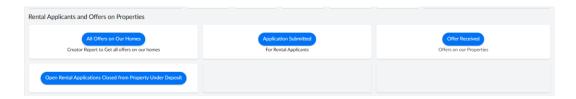


2. After identifying the details of the applicant, create a Rental Application:

Navigate to the "Quick Links Main" page > "Rental Applicants and Offers on our Property".



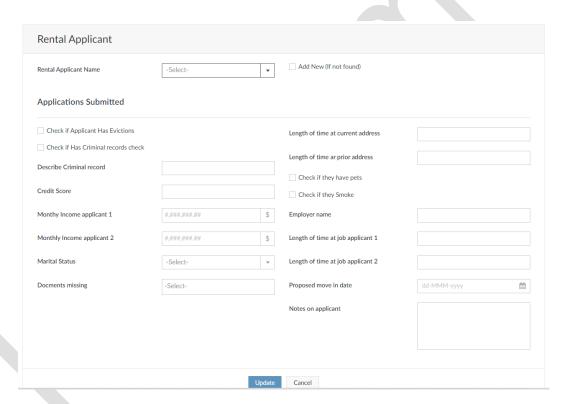
Rental Applicants and Offers on our Properties will be displayed.



3. Select "Application Submitted".

Rental Applicants and Offers on Properties		
All Offers on Our Homes Creator Report to Get all offers on our homes	Application Submitted For Rental Applicants	Offer Received Offers on our Properties
Open Rental Applications Closed from Property Under Deposit		

Rental Applicant form will be displayed.

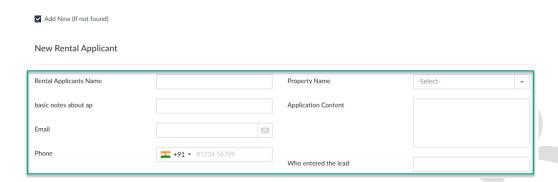


4. Rental Applicant Name – Select the exact name from the drop down list.

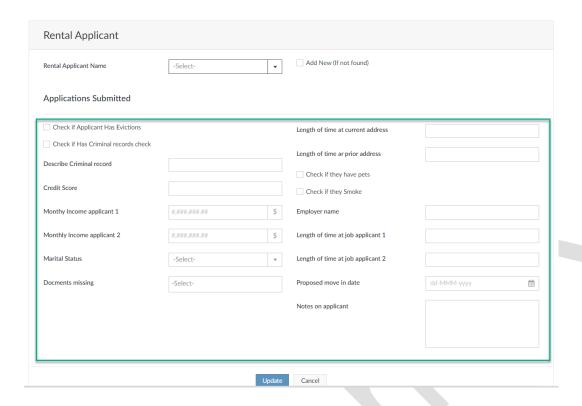
If you are unable to find the exact name, select checkbox available next to "Add New (if not found). New Rental Applicant section will be displayed to fill in the information.

- Rental Applicants Name
- basic notes about ap
- Email
- Phone

- Property Name
- Application Content
- Who entered the lead



- 5. Fill in the following details from the information you received via "Zumper" or "Showmojo" or "Email":
 - Check if Applicant Has Evictions
 - Check if Has Criminal records check
 - Describe Criminal record
 - Credit Score
 - Monthly Income applicant 1
 - Monthly Income applicant 2
 - Marital Status
 - Documents missing
 - Length of time at current address
 - Length of time at prior address
 - Check if they have pets
 - Check if they Smoke
 - Employer name
 - Length of time at job applicant 1
 - Length of time at job applicant 2
 - Proposed move in date
 - Notes on applicant



6. Select "Update" button. Rental Application will be created.



Note: If you don't have all the information to be filled in, reach out to the respective applicant later, then edit the application and fill in the missing fields.

7. After submitting the application, select "Applications Submitted" checkbox in the Rental Application.

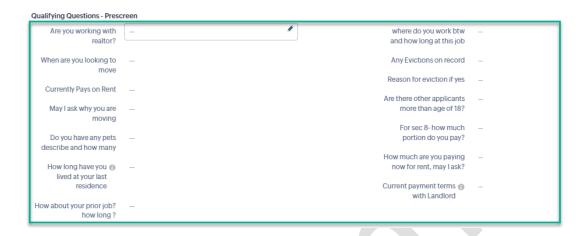


- 8. Open the rental application and fill in the qualifying prescreen questions. Though the applicant has passed the initial inspection. It is important to check again and fill in the necessary gaps if any.
- 9. Call the applicant and know the following details to fill in the gaps if we have any. Then, know their best and highest offer:

Note: Remember to talk with them in a conversational tone.

- Are you working with realtor?
- When are you looking to move
- Currently Pays on Rent
- May I ask why you are moving
- Do you have any pets describe and how many
- How long have you lived at your last residence
- How about your prior job? how long?
- where do you work btw and how long at this job
- Any Evictions on record

- Reason for eviction if yes
- Are there other applicants more than age of 18?
- For sec 8- how much portion do you pay?
- How much are you paying now for rent, may I ask?
- Current payment terms with Landlord



10. Next steps and follow up date and time - Based on the conversation, write the best and highest offer and the time and date when to follow up.

Example scenario 1:

- RM-I spoke to John at 12 pm on 27th December and asked for the highest and the best offer. When I spoke he said that he will be able to get back to us at 6 PM today (27th December).
 - o Now, change the next step date and time to "27th December, 6 PM".
 - o Then, follow up at 6 PM on 27th December and proceed with next steps.

Example scenario 2:

- RM-I spoke to John at 12' o pm on 27th December and asked for the highest and the best offer. His highest offer is \$130k and best offer is \$100k. In this scenario, reply them "Thank you for the offer. Unfortunately, we cannot proceed with that offer. Let us know if you change your mind.
 - Update the same on the next steps and follow up date and time fields and follow up accordingly.



11. If the applicant fulfills all our select criteria and seems to be a good fit, select Yes/No for Passed Prescreening

- a. Update the Showing Instructions and ask the applicant to visit the property. At the same time, send a lease draft immediately (subject to the missing documents and information if any) and fill in the following fields accordingly:
 - i. Date-Time Lease Created
 - ii. Date and Time Lease sent
 - iii. Lease sent link



- 12. After showing, get the feedback and fill in the following fields:
 - Followed up after showing
 - Feedback Completed



applicant interested - after showing/ sent offer



13. If the applicant does not meet our requirements, reject the applicant (select the checkbox next to Rejected Applicant to reject).

Note: Mark them as rejected only if they buy another house or we sell our house or we reject because of a bad summary.



Exceptions and Important Scenarios:

The following are the exceptions to certain situations to proceed with the applicant. If they even fail to fulfil our selection criteria, reject the application.

- If the applicant is an NRI who cannot produce a credit report, check all other selection criteria and decide if he/she is a good fit.
- If the applicant is interested and asks to reduce the rent, try to negotiate with other objection handling techniques.
- If the applicant does not meet our criteria (applicants income should be 3 times the monthly rent; example: if rent is \$2000, and income is only \$4800, which is not 3 times), double check if we have missed to add any additional income of their family members and how they can manage the rent.
- If the bankruptcy is "Yes", check the details when they were bankrupted. If it is long time back, only once, and his new credit report is good, proceed with the application.
- If the Eviction is "Yes", check the details when they were evicted. If it is long time back, only once, and his new credit report is good, proceed with the application.
- If the credit report is "poor", check other details such as monthly income, affordable or not, eviction history, etc, then proceed with the application.
- If the property is allotted to another applicant, suggest to the applicant some other rental property that is nearby.