

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: TELEPHONE NO.: E-MAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (<i>name</i>):	STATE BAR NUMBER: STATE: ZIP CODE: FAX NO.:	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:		
PLAINTIFF: DEFENDANT:		
COVER SHEET FOR DECLARATION OF COVID-19–RELATED FINANCIAL DISTRESS		CASE NUMBER:

Information for Defendant

A defendant tenant may use this form to file a declaration of COVID-19–related financial distress with the court if a plaintiff has filed an unlawful detainer action against the defendant and asserts that a defendant did not deliver a declaration within the required 15-day period after service of a notice demanding payment of rent or other financial obligations. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1179.03(h).)

For information about legal resources that may be available and to learn about other protections that may be available to you under federal or local law, go to lawhelpca.org or <https://landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/>.

- 1 The signed declaration (you may use form UD-104(A)) must be filed within 5 days after the summons and legal papers in the case are served on you, not counting Saturdays, Sundays, and other judicial holidays. This is the same time frame in which you must file an answer or other response to the complaint.
- 1 If the declaration is filed within the time frame described above, the case against you may be dismissed. The court will set a hearing to determine if there was good cause for your not delivering the declaration to the plaintiff in the time required.
 - 1 The court will provide a notice of the time and place of the hearing to all plaintiffs and defendants.
 - 1 At the hearing, you may explain why you did not deliver this to the landlord in the time required.
 - 1 If the court finds that your failure to provide the declaration was due to mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect, the court will dismiss the case against you.
- 1 Written filings with the court must be provided in English. (Code Civ. Proc., §185 (a).)
 - 1 If attaching a non-English-language declaration provided by the landlord, you should also attach an English-language version, either a copy that was given to you by the landlord or one from landlordtenant.dre.ca.gov/tenant/forms.html.
 - 1 You can attach a translation of the declaration instead, if signed by the translator.

1. Defendant (*name*):
has attached a declaration of COVID-19–related financial distress to this form, signed by defendant.
2. Number of pages attached, including signed declaration (*specify*):

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY)