

The Texas Supreme Court on Wednesday issued its [37th Emergency Order](#) of the COVID-19 pandemic. The order renews the [Texas Eviction Diversion Program](#), a statewide rental assistance program intended to avoid evictions for tenants behind on rent.

The order allows an eviction proceeding to be abated by agreement for 60 days, requires courts to provide tenants with information about the program, and makes court records for participants confidential while eviction cases are delayed. The order also outlines procedure for reinstating evictions. Without such reinstatement, eviction cases will be subject to dismissal.

Eligibility for rental assistance under the program is administered by the [Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs](#). More information and an online application for rental assistance is available at [texasrentrelief.com](https://www.texasrentrelief.com).