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The following guide provides a detailed, step-by-step walkthrough of the steps required to obtain your first rental license. This guide is provided as a courtesy to JG Real Estate property management clients and should not be construed as tax or legal advice. Clients are advised to consult their own tax or legal counsel for any questions.

The steps to obtain a rental license are determined by the City of Philadelphia and are subject to change at any time. For the most up to date information, please consult a Department of Licenses & Inspections (L&I) professional or peruse the following resources.

RESOURCES:

The City of Philadelphia has numerous online resources available to troubleshoot rental license applications, as well as methods of contact if you need more support.

eCLIPSE chat support: live chat with an L&I agent Monday-Friday 9:30am-12:30pm by clicking the green chat button in the bottom right corner of your eCLIPSE homescreen. They usually respond within minutes, and are able to help with a myriad of issues.

Rental License FAO:

https://www.phila.gov/departments/department-of-licenses-and-inspections/licenses/rental-licenses-faq/

Help using eCLIPSE, eCLIPSE FAQ, and instructional videos:

https://www.phila.gov/departments/department-of-licenses-and-inspections/permits-and-certificates/help-using-eclipse/#/

PhilaDox Online Document Searching: (for proof of ownership or zoning)

https://epay.phila-records.com/phillyepay/web/splash.jsp

Download Zoning Permit: (multi-family properties)

https://atlas.phila.gov/

Contact a Licenses & Inspections Professional:

https://www.phila.gov/departments/department-of-licenses-and-inspections/about/contact-us/

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LEAD AND HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAM (LHHP)

Beginning October 1, 2020, landlords are required to test and certify rental properties as lead safe or lead free, regardless of a child's age, in order to receive or renew a rental license. You will not be able to apply for a rental license until one of the following has been completed:

If your property was constructed before 1978:

Please reach out to the JG Real Estate Team to schedule a lead test.

If your property was constructed after 1978:

Please reach out to the JG Real Estate Team to file a one-time lead-based paint exemption form.

PHILADELPHIA TAX REGISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE

If you have **not done so previously**, you will need to register with the Philadelphia Tax Center and create an account to receive a Philadelphia Tax Account Number. You MUST register at this website in order to proceed with a rental license application:

Tax-services.phila.gov

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Please note: JG Real Estate is not able to assist with tax-related questions beyond the information provided in this guide. If you need assistance with tax registration, please contact the city at tax.clearance@phila.gov or contact an accounting professional.

Click "New Taxpayers" and enter your information appropriately.



Philadelphia Tax Center



Welcome to the Philadelphia Tax Center! Please be aware verifying your existing tax account can take a week or more. To keep your tax information safe, the verification process includes sending you a physical letter in the mail. If you must file a tax return before you receive your letter, temporarily use your previous filing method. You can also pay as a guest – without a username and password – on this website by selecting one of the options under the "Payment" panel below. You can no longer make electronic payments using our old eFile/ePay site.



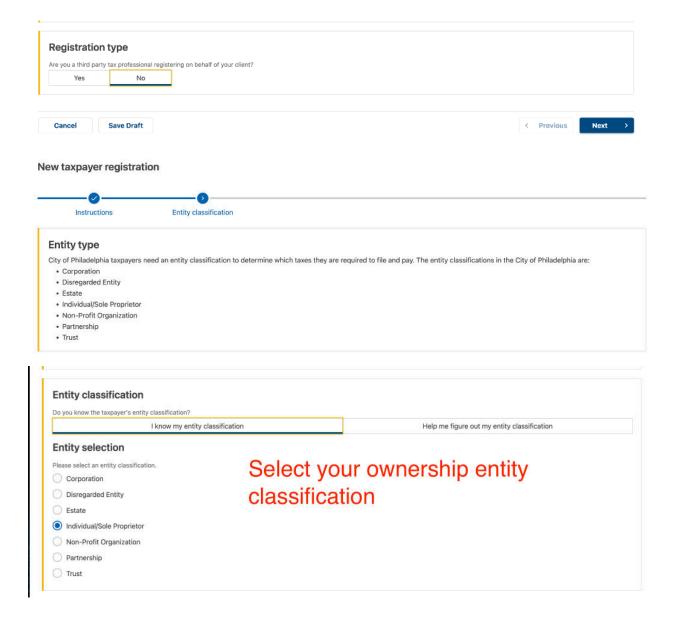
Every ownership entity needs its own tax account number.

If you own the property under your personal name, you will use your SSN. If you own under an entity name, like an LLC, you will use your company EIN. If there are TWO PEOPLE on your property deed, you will have to do one of the following:

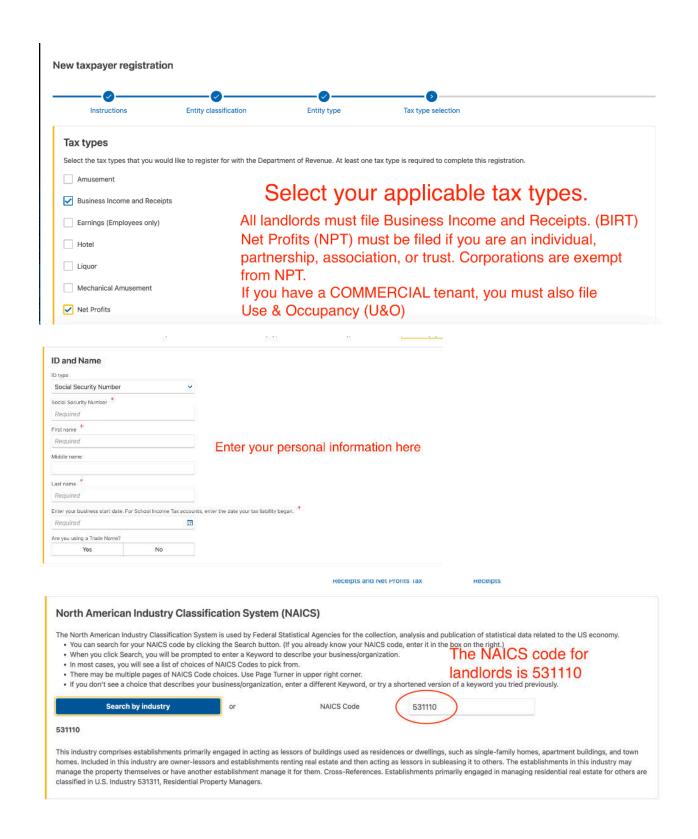
- 1. Form a partnership OR
- One person on the deed can take responsibility for the rental license (This is the most common choice) – create a tax account under that person's name.

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If you own the property under your personal name, you will register as an individual. If registering under another entity name such as an LLC, skip to page 8.



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Username and password Username * Password requirements Required You cannot reuse passwords Password * Minimum 11 characters Required Passwords must contain both letters and numbers Confirm Password Passwords must contain both uppercase and lowercase letters Passwords must contain special characters Secret Question Create your username and password and save it. Required You will use this website to file taxes later. Secret Answer Required 0 Confirm Answer Required

Once these screens are completed, the city of Philadelphia will generate a letter that will be mailed to you with a code to access your new online account. You need to wait for this letter. JG Real Estate is not able to expedite this process on your behalf. If you need to access your account before the letter arrives, please contact the tax department at tax.clearance@phila.gov

If you own the property under an LLC or other corporate entity, you will complete the process using your EIN.

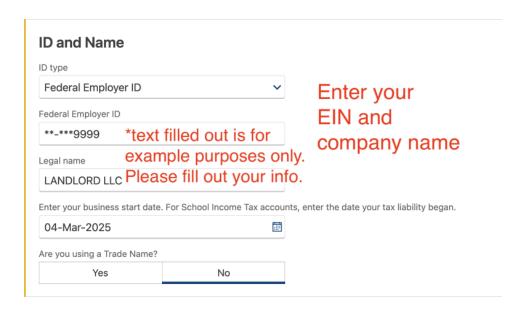
You will need your IRS SS-4 form, which can be downloaded here https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fss4.pdf

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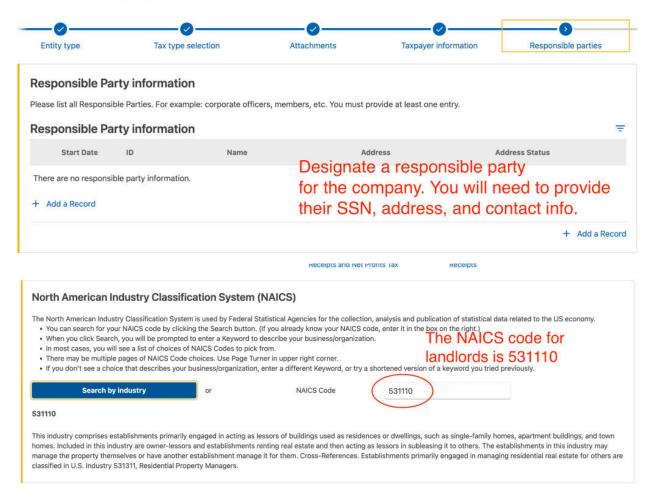
Select your entity classification. LLC is selected as an example for this guide, but specific steps may vary based on your selection.

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New taxpayer registration



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The rest of the questions will ask for addresses, contact, and other personal information.

Your MAILING ADDRESS and BUSINESS SITE MUST be somewhere you can continue to receive mail. They will be mailing you a letter to finish the account setup.

RENTAL PROPERTY ADDRESS is where you will input the address(es) of your rental property/properties.

Once these screens are completed, the city of Philadelphia will generate a letter that will be mailed to you with a code to access your new online tax account.

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you will need to reach out to the tax department at tax.clearance@phila.gov

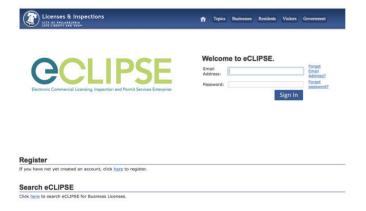
All landlords MUST maintain full tax compliance throughout the year. If you do not pay your taxes, you will not be able to renew your rental license next year.

You can check your tax compliance status at any time on the Philadelphia tax portal.

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To obtain a **Commercial Activity License**, please use the Eclipse system site:

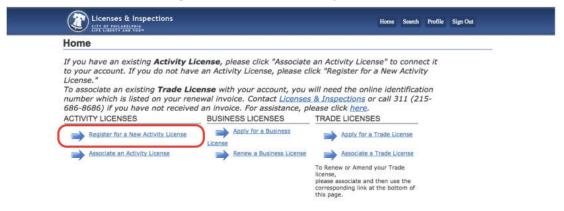
https://eclipse.phila.gov/phillylmsprod/pub/lms/Login.aspx



If you do not have an Eclipse login, please click the link to register for an account.



Once you've logged in, you will be on the home screen of the Eclipse page. Click the link to "Register for a New Activity License".

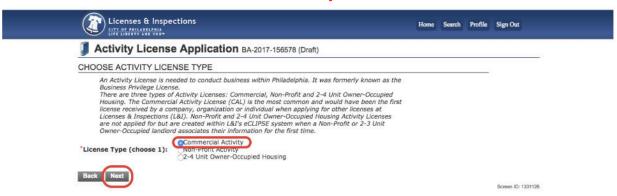


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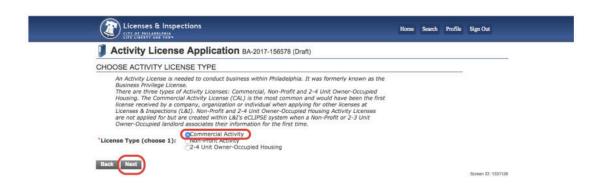
Once you've read through the Activity License Application, click "Next"



Select "Commercial Activity" and click "Next"



Select a License Type and fill in your information, click "Next"



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Enter in your Tax Information and click "Next"



Enter in your Mailing Address and click "Next"



Please upload all required documents on this page. If there are no required documents, click "Next".

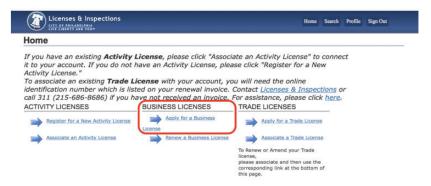


The next screen will be the confirmation screen, where you will see if your license has been approved.

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To obtain a Rental License:

https://eclipse.phila.gov/phillylmsprod/pub/lms/Login.aspx



Once you've logged into Eclipse, click the link to "Apply for a Business License". Once you've read through the Welcome Screen, click "Next"

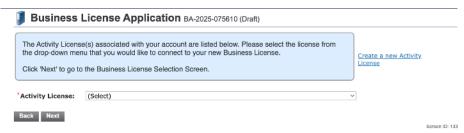


Business License Application BA-2025-075610 (Draft)

WELCOME TO THE ECLIPSE LICENSE APPLICATION WIZARD

The eCLIPSE License Application Wizard will help you select and apply for the license(s) specific to your business. For more information on business licenses, please vist our **Business License Service Page**. Please note that you may need one or all of the following before applying for a Business License: - If you are a for-profit organization, you will need a Tax Account Number (aka: Tax ID). Click here for more information. - All organizations must obtain an Activity License Number. Click here for more information - Certain licenses require additional documentation (including approvals from other departments/agencies, bond and insurance forms, and photographs). Click here for information on the additional documents required for your license(s). Online payments can only be made with a credit card or an e-check. Please note that paper checks can be submitted as e-checks. Click 'Next' to continue.

Select the Commercial Activity License that corresponds with the property you are applying for and click "Next"



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Next, select the type of license you are applying for. Click the "+ License Type" button. **Please note:** a pop-up search tool will open, so ensure you have pop-ups enabled. You may have to manually enlarge the pop-up window. Search "Rental" in the pop-up window, click it, then click "Next"

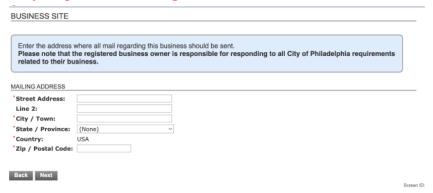


On the next screen, click "New Business" as your business site, then click "Next." Type the address of your rental property in the search bar, and click the search icon. A pop-up window will open for you to select your rental property address. **You may have to manually enlarge the pop-up window.** At the bottom will be a gray bar with the address. Click that, and the pop-up will close. Then click "Next".



*The address shown in this screenshot is for example purposes only and should not be replicated.

Enter your **personal mailing address** here.

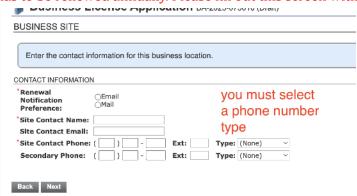


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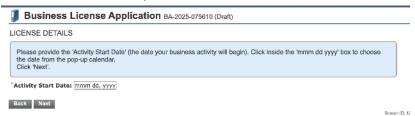
Enter your name as it appears on your deed, and your phone number.

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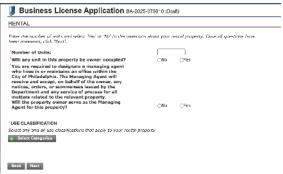
Choose how you would like to receive license renewal notifications from the city. Your rental license has to be renewed annually. Please fill out this screen with your personal information.



Select your business start date (put today's date, or you can put the future lease start date if you have an executed lease.)



Answer the questions on this screen. **Managing agent:** you may designate JG Real Estate as your managing agent if you would like JGRE to be able to interact with the Department of Licenses & Inspections on your behalf. Please note this step is **required** for owners who reside outside of Philadelphia.

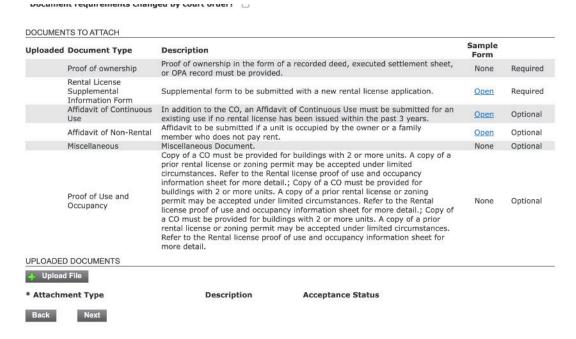


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Use Classification: A pop-up menu will open. Please select "Residential Dwellings."



Upload all required forms. Proof of ownership can be downloaded from <u>property.phila.gov</u>. Once your forms are submitted, click "next" to submit your application and pay the application fee.



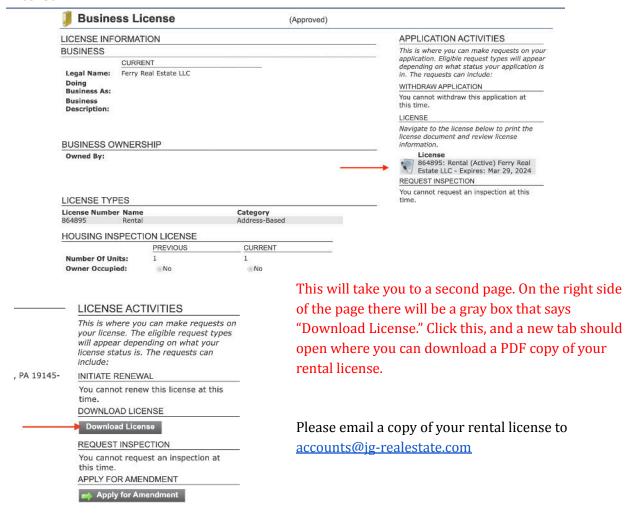
You will receive an email within 5-10 business days asking you to pay a second fee. This means your license was approved. After the second payment has been made, you will automatically be redirected back to Eclipse to download the actual license.

If you need to re-submit your application due to incomplete or missing information, you will not have to pay the first fee again.

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Downloading your rental license:

From your Eclipse home screen, click on the property, and then click the gray box underneath "License".



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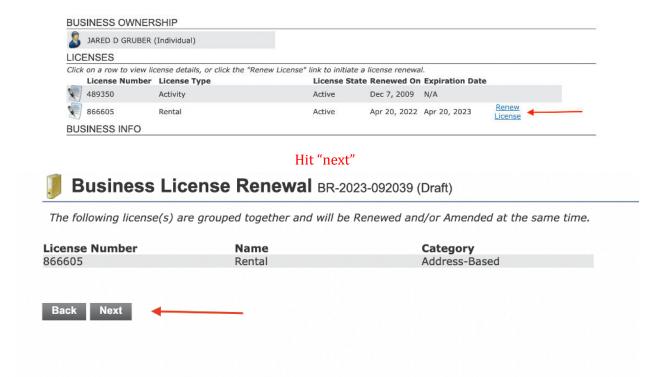
Rental License Renewals

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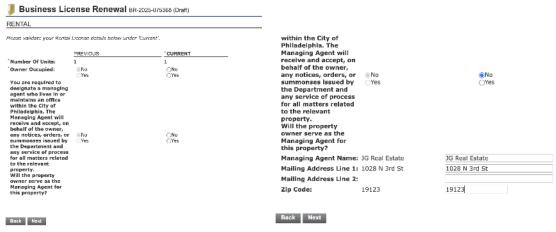
Rental licenses must be renewed annually. JGRE can renew your rental license on your behalf, however we have provided instructions in case you'd like to handle renewals yourself.

From the eCLIPSE homescreen, click the gray tab that says "My Businesses" and then click on the property of the rental license you'd like to renew.

You should see a blue link that says "renew license", please click that.

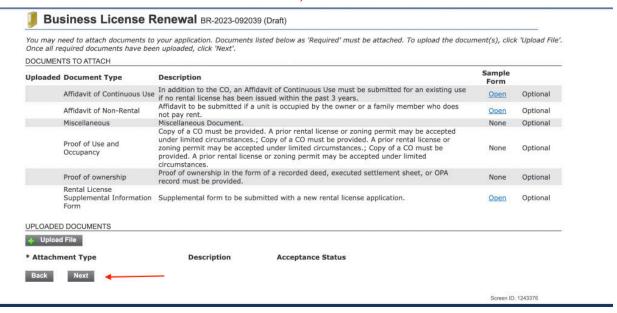


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If you are required to upload any documents, please do so on this screen using the "upload file" button. Then, click "next".



Click "Pay Online" to submit payment for your license renewal.

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| The following fee | es must be paid as p | art of your li | cense renewal application. |
| Description | Amount | Balance | |
| Rental License Renewal Fee | \$69.00 | \$69.00 | |
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Follow the instructions on the payment portal. It will then redirect you back to eCLIPSE, where you will see a message like this:

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| Your license re | newal was submitted successfully. You will be notified when your license renewal has been processed |
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| Renewal | BR-2023- |

Licenses are sometimes immediately approved after renewal. Other times, it can take a few business days. You will receive an email when your license renewal has been approved.

Please note: If you are not compliant on your city of Philadelphia taxes, you will not be able to renew your license and will get an error message stating that.

You will have to reach out to the tax compliance department at tax.clearance@phila.gov to resolve this. JG Real Estate does not handle tax related matters and will not be able to assist. It can take several weeks for the tax department to return your email, so please be patient.

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