

NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC

LANDLORD TENANT – REVISED PACKETS FOR SELF-REPRESENTED TENANTS SEEKING POST-JUDGMENT RELIEF FROM EVICTION

This notice issues three revised packets for use by self-represented tenants. These attached packets, which supersede and replace the packets promulgated in October 2023, have been revised to correct or clarify portions of the instructions. In addition, the third packet (Order to Show Cause packet) has been revised to remove language indicating that the OTSC packet can only be used within 10 days of the execution of a warrant of possession. The revised packets are as follows:

- **How to Apply for an Order for Orderly Removal in a Landlord Tenant Case (CN 12790).** A tenant can use this packet to request up to seven additional calendar days to pack and move out before being evicted or locked out of the rental premises.
- **How to Apply for a Hardship Stay in a Landlord Tenant Case (CN 12791).** Where a judgment of possession has been entered, a tenant who pays all of the past-due rent can use this packet to apply for up to six months to remain in the property while finding a new residence.
- **How to Apply for an Order to Show Cause in a Landlord Tenant Case (CN 12792).** A tenant can use this packet to ask the court (a) to vacate, dismiss, or stay a judgment for possession, (b) to stop an eviction (lock out) before the eviction day, or (c) to re-occupy the property within 10 days after a lockout. Courts may grant such requests in limited situations, e.g., based on fraud or mistake, and may require the tenant to post some amount of rent.

These landlord tenant packets are available on the Judiciary's website njcourts.gov in the "[Forms Catalog](#)" (enter the CN form number in the search field).

Questions regarding these self-represented litigant packets may be directed to the Civil Practice Division by phone at 609-815-2900 ext. 54900.



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