A User Guide to
ICIP Certificate of Continuing Use
Online Renewals

A step-by-step guide to help you complete the renewal application online

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Introduction

This guide is designed to assist you with completing your ICIP CCU form.

In the following pages, we provide a step-by-step manual with detailed explanations to help you navigate the Department of Finance's online system and to submit your ICIP CCU form with ease.

We also have a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document, which you can find on our Website at [www.nyc.gov/ICIP](http://www.nyc.gov/ICIP).

You may always request help by visiting [http://www.nyc.gov/contacticipicap](http://www.nyc.gov/contacticipicap) or contacting 311.
Helpful Hints for using the system

Required Fields

Throughout this system you will be asked to provide information and answer questions. There are certain fields that are required in order to move between screens or submit an ICIP CCU form. If at any time you try to submit information by clicking Confirm or Submit Form and there is an error, you will see the message below. Fields that are blank or filled-in incorrectly will be highlighted in red like this:

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| Email Address | Email Address |
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- Some fields are not completed or require data in a specific form or require a minimum / maximum number of characters. Please fill or correct the corresponding fields indicated on the form.

Once you have made the necessary corrections, you will be able to submit and move to the next section.

Text boxes

A text box will appear if you answer YES to a question. Text boxes require a minimum of 25 characters. You must expand on your answer if you get an error message.

Time out

Like many online applications, if you have no activity for one hour, you will lose all of your information, so be sure to submit or save your form if you plan to be away from your computer.

Navigating the website

The orange banner that is at the top of each page contains important pieces of information and allows you to jump to different pages at any time.

The orange bar below allows you to:

A. Jump to the Property List to see the BBL that requires an ICIP CCU form to be completed.
B. Jump to Owner Information so you can see what information you confirmed for the owner and contact information.
C. Jump to Contact Us if you have questions.
D. Jump to Change Password if you want to change it.
E. Click Log off when you are ready to exit the application. All of your saved work can be completed or accessed when you log in again.
Log in – Screen 1

On the Welcome page, you will be asked to enter your User ID and password to log in. The User ID and password can be found on page 1 of the letter you received in October. User IDs and passwords are case-sensitive, so enter them exactly as they appear.

Helpful hint: Be sure not to mistake "0" for "O" or "1" for "l".

If you mistype your User ID or password, you will see an error screen like this:

If this is your first time logging in, you will see Owner Information – Screen 2. If you have logged in before, your next screen is Property List – Screen 3, go to page 7.
If you filed your renewal form online last year and you forgot your password, you may click Forgot your password? The password will be sent to the email address you submitted last year. If you did not submit online last year, you will have to use the password from the letter sent in October.

**Change Password**

Click Change Password in the orange bar.

You will be asked to enter the password we sent, then type and confirm the new password that you want.

**Change Your Password**

Select a password with at least 6 characters, including at least one letter or one number.

Helpful hint: The password must have 6 characters including one letter or number.

Click Change Password to keep the one you have entered. Click Cancel to keep the current password.

If your changed password is successful, you will see a screen like this:

Your password has been changed!

Continue
If your new password is not successful, you will see an error message like this:

**Change Your Password**

Password incorrect or New Password invalid. New Password length minimum: 6. Include one letter or number.

- **Current Password:**
  - Input field
- **New Password:**
  - Input field
- **Confirm Password:**
  - Input field

[Change Password] [Cancel]

Retype the password and confirm it and click Change Password again.
Profile Information – Screen 2

This screen will only appear the first time you log into the Commercial Exemptions and Abatements Online Renewal system. If you filed online last year, you will go right to the Property List. See page 7.

The only field you cannot modify is the “Name” field within the **Owner Information** section. If the name displayed in this box is incorrect, please contact us at [http://www.nyc.gov/contacticipicap](http://www.nyc.gov/contacticipicap).

- Helpful hint: Daytime Phone must be entered as 9 digits, no spaces or hyphens.
Property List – Screen 3
This screen lists each property that receives an ICIP property tax exemption. All properties that receive an ICIP are required to complete a CCU form. If you have signed-on previously, you will arrive here after entering the User ID and password.

Understanding the Property List:

The property listed presents the property address (where the property is located), the BBL, Application Number, Status and Type of Form.

**Status** describes the status of the ICIP CCU form. A renewal form can be in one (1) of three (3) different statuses:

1. Not-Started – you have not clicked the link to open the form.
2. In Progress – you have started to complete the form, but were not able to finish. Your work has been saved.
3. Completed – you have opened, completed and submitted the form. A confirmation email has been sent to the email address you provided to acknowledge that the form has been submitted.
Completing a CCU Renewal form

Reminder: Renewal forms are due by January 5, 2016. We encourage you to file as quickly as possible to allow us time to get back to you if we have questions. The forms must be received by January 5, 2016 to keep the property tax exemption.

Property Information is displayed at the top.

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<td>Mailing Address: 100 ADAMS STREET</td>
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<td>Property Address: 123 35 AVENUE</td>
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<td>Borough-Block-Lot: 5-1234-12</td>
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<td>Building Class: K1</td>
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<td>Application Number: 12345</td>
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Owner’s Name and Mailing Address were confirmed when you first logged-in to the application.

Property Address and Borough-Block-Lot are identifiers for this property.

Building Class is a descriptive code Finance uses to identify characteristics of the BBL. It may describe construction material, type of use, or number of units (residential or commercial). To see a list of building class codes, visit http://nycprop.nyc.gov/nycproperty/help/hlpbldgcode.html. Alternatively, if you view a BBL’s Account History on www.nyc.gov/finance you will see the BBL’s building class and from there you can link to the list of building class codes.

Tax Class is a legal categorization determined by property type. There are four tax classes:
TC 1 – One to three-unit residential properties
TC 2 – Residential property with more than 3 units including cooperatives and condominiums
TC 3 – Utility company equipment and special franchise property
TC 4 – All other real property, including office buildings, factories, stores, hotels and lofts

Application Number is the number assigned to your application when this office received the Preliminary Application.

Exemption Code is the code we use to process ICIP applications. The codes specific to this exemption are 1985 or 1986.

Suffix reflects the number of exemptions on the property.

Section One

This is the contact information you confirmed when first logging into the renewal system.
Section Two
As the owner of the property, you must complete the remainder of the sections. You must answer each question.

Complete each question. If completing for a condominium unit(s), only answer for the unit(s) in the project and not for the building as a whole.

1. Has there been a change in the use of this parcel? (Note: If you are completing a CCU for a condominium unit(s), only answer for your unit(s), not the entire building.)
   - [ ] YES  [ ] NO

2. Is this building used for industrial purposes? (Note: If you are completing a CCU for a condominium unit(s), only answer for your unit(s), not the entire building.)
   - [ ] YES  [ ] NO

3. Does this building contain residential space?
   - [ ] YES  [ ] NO

4. Is the building being used for any other purpose than described above? (Note: If you are completing a CCU for a condominium unit(s), only answer for your unit(s), not the entire building.)
   - [ ] YES  [ ] NO

5. There is more than one building. (Note: If this project has more than one building, attach a separate sheet with a separate chart for each building. Be sure to include the building’s address.)
   - [ ] YES  [ ] NO

6. Please be specific in your description of the building’s (condominium unit’s) current use.
   - Example, if the use of the space is for manufacturing, indicate precisely what is being made.

   If the use of the space is as a warehouse, indicate if the warehouse use is commercial or industrial.

   If multiple floors (condominium units) are used for the same purpose, enter a floor range.
   - Example 1: Floors 1 thru 3 are used to manufacture furniture. Net square footage over those three floors is 25,000 square feet.
   - Example 2: Condominium units 1001 and 1002 on floors basement and 1 are used for retail. Net square footage is 8000 square feet.

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7. Number of persons permanently employed at the project site
   - [ ] # employ # of employees

8. Number of persons employed at the project site who are residents of NYC
   - [ ] # resident # who are residents

If you answer YES to any question, the form will expand for you to enter text. You are required to provide an explanation when the box appears. If the text boxes do not provide enough room for you to enter all your information, you may attach a JPEG, MS Word or PDF file in Supporting Documentation (page 11 for more information).
Helpful hint:

- Text boxes require a minimum of 25 characters.

### Section Two

Complete each question. If completing for a condominium unit(s), only answer for the unit(s) in the project and not for the building as a whole.

1. Has there been a change in the use of this parcel?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**
   
   **Note:** If you are completing a COU for a condominium unit(s), only answer for your unit(s), not the entire building.

   a. If **YES**, year change occurred, ____________ and, explain:

      Please explain:

1. Is this building used for Industrial purposes?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**
   
   **Note:** If you are completing a COU for a condominium unit(s), only answer for your unit(s), not the entire building.

   If **YES**, list industrial purposes:

   List purposes:

1. Does this building contain residential space?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**
   
   **Note:** If you are completing a COU for a condominium unit(s), only answer for your unit(s), not the entire building.

   a. If **YES**, how many square feet ____________

   **Note:** If you are completing a COU for a condominium unit(s), only answer for your unit(s), not the entire building.

1. Is the building being used for any other purpose than described above?
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**
   
   **Note:** If you are completing a COU for a condominium unit(s), only answer for your unit(s), not the entire building.

   If **YES**, explain:

      Please explain:

1. There is more than one building.
   - **YES**  
   - **NO**
   
   **Note:** If this project has more than one building; attach a separate sheet with a separate chart for each building. Be sure to include the building’s address.

   If **YES**, ____________ of buildings:

   ____________

1. Please be specific in your description of the building’s (condominium unit’s) current use.
   - Example: If the use of the space is for manufacturing, indicate precisely what is being made.
   - If the use of the space is as a warehouse, indicate if the warehouse use is commercial or industrial.
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   **Floor or Floor Range** | Start | End | **Total Net Sq. Ft.** | **Net Sq. Ft.**
   --- | --- | --- | --- | ---
   
   **Current Use**

   Please explain:

1. Number of persons permanently employed at the project site:

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1. Number of persons employed at the project site who are residents of NYC:

   ____________

   ____________

1. Number of persons employed at the project site who are residents.

   ____________

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Supporting Documentation – Attaching a file works the same here as if you were attaching something to your email. Click the Browse button to locate the file on your computer. (Please note that only the following file types are allowed: .pdf, .jpg, .jpeg, .doc and .docx. The maximum size of each file is 5 MB). When you have identified the right document, click open. If the upload is a success, the file screen will say “Uploaded successfully!” If you’ve accidentally uploaded the wrong file, click Delete to remove it. If you try to attach a file format that is not accepted, you will see this message: Only .pdf, .jpg, .jpeg, .doc, .docx accepted.

Helpful hint:
- If you see “Uploaded successfully!” but the Uploaded document counter says “0”, click “Refresh”.

Digital Signature and Save or Submit Form – Once you have answered all the questions and uploaded all attachments (if applicable), you are ready to submit the form. The last requirement is to sign digitally by entering your name and title (position within the organization) in the boxes as shown below.
Save and Complete Later – If you do not want to submit the form at this time, click Save & Complete Later. This will save your work and return you to the Property List page where the status for this BBL will show “In-Progress.” You may return to complete the form in this session, or log off and complete it at another time.

Submit Form – If you are satisfied that the form is accurate, click Submit Form. You will be asked to verify if you want to submit the form as completed.

Click OK to submit or click Cancel to keep the form active and not submit.

If you submit, you will see the screen below.

You have the option of printing a copy of the form for your records by clicking Print Form. You will receive an email to the address you provided acknowledging receipt of the renewal form. In the Property List, the form for the BBL you just submitted will say Completed. See below.
Property List

**NFP Users** - Below is a list of the properties that the Department of Finance (DOF) has on record as being owned by your organization. You are required to complete a renewal form for each Borough-Block-Lot (BBL). You may start the renewal process for any BBL at any time by clicking on the form type in the column titled "Forms". If you believe that a BBL listed here is not owned by your organization, or if you believe that this list is missing a BBL that you do own that requires a not-for-profit renewal form, please contact DOF by clicking here. Be sure to include the BBL and/or the premise address of the property in question. Please note you are required to complete a shortened renewal form for any property on your list that you may have recently sold.

**ICIP/ICAP Users** - Below is the Certificate of Continuing Use (CCU) for the Borough-Block-Lot (BBL) and associated ICIP or ICAP Application Number you are required to complete. Each BBL/Application Number has a unique User ID and password. Contact Finance if you have questions.

**CERP Users** - Below is the renewal form for the Borough-Block-Lot (BBL) and associated CERP application number you are required to complete. Each Application Number has a unique User ID and password for both Owner and Tenant users. Contact Finance if you have questions.

Search by property address or BBL#  Search

Show Status  All  ▼

Number of Properties: 1

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<th>Lot</th>
<th>Application Number</th>
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<td>123 Main Street</td>
<td>Brooklyn</td>
<td>987</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>9999</td>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>ICIP</td>
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