

## RENTAL APPLICATION AND MARKETING





With a modern tool for screening potential renters, BPOA members have a seamless process while providing a better rental experience without the added costs.

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BPOA is partnered with Intellirent to provide members with a resource for fast and secure applicant screening, plus rental marketing.



BPOA is the grass roots trade association that represents rental housing providers in the city of Berkeley. Over 600 owners and affiliated professionals are members of BPOA. Most of our members are small housing providers. Whether you own one rental unit or fifty, BPOA saves you time and money. We provide the resources and information you need to operate properly and to avoid costly mistakes. Our nonprofit association influences political decisions and defends your legal rights.

Members should reach out to BPOA directly for questions about:

- The BPOA lease agreement
- Advice on approving or denying an applicant
- Legal guidance while communicating with potential or current renters

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Intellirent is BPOA's trusted resource for rental marketing + screening,, provided as a FREE benefit for members.

Send your rental application to potential renters quickly and securely online, same questions—just faster and easier for renters! Applicants quickly fill out the application online, verify their identity and pay the \$40 application fee. Members are notified then able to view all documents including a comprehensive Experian credit report, while Intellirent helps you obtain employment and tenancy verifications.

Members should reach out to Intellirent directly for questions about:

- The Intellirent application process
- Marketing your available rentals to partner listing sites
- Questions or issues you or your applicant have about Intellirent

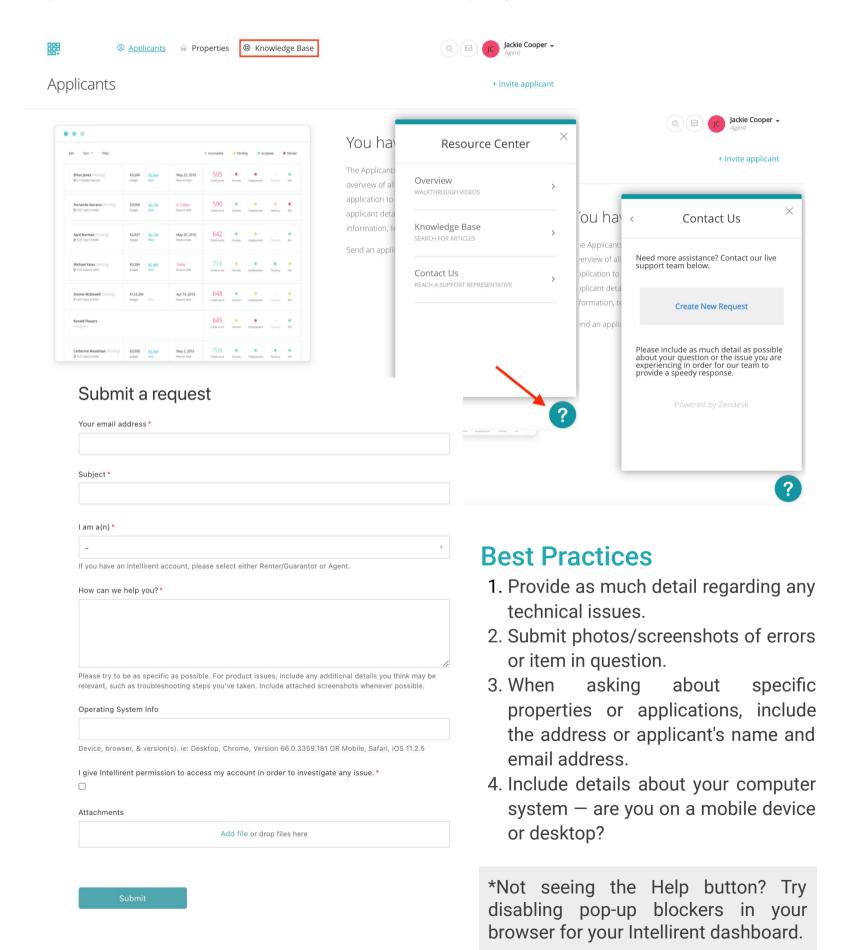
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## Knowledge Base + Support

#### Our live support team is here to help, seven days a week.

Login to your account and click on the help icon on any page to get in touch with a live person, or visit our Knowledge Base linked at the top of your Intellirent dashboard.



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# THE APPLICATION: RENTER PROCESS

Reach your renters anywhere, any place when you send your rental application online. Partnered with Experian, members will instantly receive all data, supporting documents plus a full credit report and nationwide background checks in one secure spot.

For more details, guides, & tips visit:

Knowledge Base — My Applications

## **APPLICATION 101**

The online application's design quickly walks your renter through the steps of the Application to Rent online, collecting all data and documentation in one spot. Once the applicant submits, the agent/member will be notified and all application data, including the Experian credit report, will be visible in your Intellirent account.

The questions asked and answered are comprehensive in nature, and <u>all fields are required</u> so a completely comprehensive application is returned. In the following sections, applicants will enter:

#### **Personal Information**



All basic info including: name, email, phone number, DOB, SSN, + any co-applicant/guarantor info.

#### **Tenancy Information**



Address details of current & prior residences, + contact info for landlords if rented.

#### **Employment Information**



Employment details of current & prior occupations, + Supporting Documents.

#### **Financial Information**



All bank & creditor details, including balances & monthly payments.

#### **Additional Contacts**



Contact information for their emergency contacts & personal references.

#### Vehicles



Vehicle details including: make, model, year, color, & license plate number, if/when applicable.

#### **Furry Friends**



All basic pet information + supporting photos, if/when applicable.

#### **Additional Questions**



Details of any water filled furniture, if/when applicable.

#### **Background Information**



Details of any bankruptcies, foreclosures, civil suits, or evictions.

#### Terms of Use



E-signature confirming terms have been reviewed & authorizing the verification process.

Once all pages are fully completed, each applicant will pay the standard \$40 BPOA app fee.

## **APPLICATION 101: FAQs**

#### When does the screening occur?

Immediately after the application is paid for and submitted, the renter's identity is verified, Employment + Tenancy verification requests are automatically sent, and Experian reports are available for your review.

#### What's included in screening?

Intellirent helps you collect the completed application and conduct Tenancy + Employment verifications, while Experian verifies identity and returns Credit and Background reports. Members should review and complete Income + Pet verifications.

#### What is the time for a response on credit?

Reports are returned **instantly** upon completion of the application process, unless the applicant is required to contact Experian for a manual identity verification. In these rare instances, applicants are provided with next steps and reports are returned in 24-48 hours from when the applicant contacts Experian.

#### How do I get the returned information?

When applications are submitted or verifications are completed, Members will receive an email notification with details or next steps, and a link to log in to their account to review application data.

#### Is the credit check a hard or soft pull?

A soft inquiry! When the applicant submits their application data online, they are requesting the release of their information directly with Experian. Members receive a full comprehensive report, without it impacting the applicant's credit history.

#### What if my applicant does not have some required information?

In an effort to help members collect complete applications, all data is required. Depending on your own discretion, if an applicant needs to move forward in the application without entering the required information, they can enter "dummy" data to proceed, such as "noemail@noemail.com", "0s" for financial information, etc.

#### Do roommates & guarantors also pay the \$40 application fee?

Yes, a separate file is compiled per adult applicant. All individuals age 18+ applying are required to pay the application fee.

#### I approved an applicant, where is the BPOA lease form?

For a copy of the BPOA lease form members receive, please contact BPOA directly.

#### Can I enter the application data for my applicant?

Applicants are required to enter their own data into the application and complete their own identity verification exam with Experian for security purposes.

## APPLICATION 101: Applicant Best Practices

- Applicants should only create their renter account through the invitation link sent by you.
   Do not ask applicants to go directly to the Intellirent website.
- Applicants can log out and back into their application at any time.
- Applicants should **NOT** use the invitation link to log back into their application, they should log in through: <a href="https://www.myintellirent.com/sessions/new">www.myintellirent.com/sessions/new</a>
- All data fields of the application are required before saving and continuing to the next page.
- Supporting documents/attachments are not initially required before paying, and submitting. Applicants can log back into their account to upload any missing documentation even after submitting.
- Communicate with potential renters about your rental criteria and the type of documents you will require they submit in their application.
- Applicants should inform their landlords and employers that we will be requesting verifications, and make sure to provide the most accurate contact information of the person who can verify their details.
- If the applicant has more than one job or Source of Income, they should select +Another Income Source at the bottom of the page. <u>Each source should be added separately.</u>
- The Experian ID security step that is timed and directly related to your applicant's credit background. \*It is important that the person who is associated with the social security number answer these security questions.
- If the applicant receives any error message, they should **immediately** follow the steps displayed to them to ensure reports are sent back as soon as possible.

If your applicants have any additional questions, they should visit the knowledge base created just for renters here, <u>Knowledge Base: For Renters</u>.

# THE APPLICATION: SCREENING

Screening is one of those stressful tasks that every property owner must do. It's imperative to have a screening process in place to prevent renting to problem renters who may: miss payments, cause mischief, or even destroy property.

For more details, guides, & tips visit:

<u>Knowledge Base — Employment & Tenancy Verifications</u>

<u>Knowledge Base — Experian Credit Reports & Background Checks</u>

## **SCREENING 101**

No fee for members, ever. With a BPOA vetted and approved application process, send your digital Application to Rent and seamlessly collect all data and documents in one secure spot, giving you peace of mind.

Intellirent provides comprehensive screening to give agents confidence in approving renters through multiple methods. Through our automation processes, Intellirent assists in contacting employer and landlord verifiers to provide you with the information you need to make decisions, faster. We also know that human touch is just as important in these decisions, so our dedicated support team will follow up with any contacts who do not complete the verifications.

We have also partnered with Experian, so you can instantly receive full credit and eviction reports from the nation's leading provider, and with Nova Credit, so you can collect credit reports instantly, from around the world.

#### **Experian Reports**



The Berkeley Property Owners Association's screening flow is highly customized according to BPOA's recommendations. Agents will receive the complete Experian credit report with score, plus nationwide eviction notices.

#### **NOVA Reports**



Our International Screening tools are made possible by our partnership with Nova Credit, which is the first cross-border credit reporting agency. The Nova Credit Report look follows a similar style as our existing Experian reports. You'll see color-coded payment history, a familiar credit scoring system, and easy-to-understand trade lines.

#### **Verifications & Actionable Items**



Tenancy + Employment verifications are completed faster with our automated process, and reviewing Income and Pet documents to ensure they meet qualification standards are quick and simple actionable items for Members.

More details: pages 10-13

## **Tenancy Verifications**

#### How it Works

Intellirent will reach out to your applicant's current and prior landlords via email + phone (as needed), and gets all the most important answers you need to assess your applicants.

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#### Request

When an applicant pays for and submits their application, current and prior tenancy verification requests are immediately sent.

#### Follow-Up

Landlords and renters are each enrolled in a follow-up email process, with reminder emails for any incomplete requests sent in a timely manner.

#### **Phone Call**

If the request is not completed within the first 24 hours after sending, our team immediately follows up with a phone call for completion.

#### **Completed Verifications**

When the verification is completed, you'll receive an email notification with the outcome of the verification + notes on any discrepancies. Color coding lets you know the stages of the actionable items and just one way Intellirent helps you efficiently manage your applications. All green means that the application has been reviewed, verified and is a positive candidate, yellow means the verification is still pending, and red means the completed verification has responses that you should review.

#### **Self-Complete**

All contact details for landlords and the tenancy verification questionnaire are provided to agents, so if you'd like to follow up with landlords or complete the verifications on your own, it's quick and easy to do so.

## **Tenancy Verifications**

#### The Questionnaire

Relation to property:



#### RENTAL APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE TENANCY VERIFICATION

This form is used to obtain information regarding the rental history of applicants for rental housing. The information provided by the current or former Owner/Agent may be used solely for the purpose of evaluating the application for rental housing. The applicant's signature below represents their authorization to release a tenancy verification to Intellirent and/or the agent or owner of the property the applicant is applying for. Please complete the verification as soon as possible (within 24 - 48 hours). For the fastest response, complete online using the link that has been sent to you via email. You may also complete the verification below and return this form to info@myintellirent.com, or fax: (415) 276-4515.

1.) Authorization by rental App	plicant for release of ir	nformation:
I hereby authorize the release of information	n requested for rental verification	n to Intellirent
Name:	Phon	e:
Signature:	Date	:
2.) Applicant's rental informat	ion:	
Address of rental unit:	Dates of occupancy:	Monthly Rate:
Landlord/Owner Name:		<u>u</u>
Email:	Phone	E
3.) Requested rental reference	information:	
☐ Yes ☐ No* ☐ N/A* *Please	explain:	ufficient funds (NSF)?  for unpaid rent?  nil that accrued before March 2020 or after April 30, 2023?  ns?  to the terms of the rental agreement:
Name:	Phone:	Date:
Completed by:		

## **Employment Verifications**

#### How it Works

Intellirent will reach out to your applicant's current employer with a secured verification link and file via email, plus an easy income verification process for agents to review proof of income provided first hand.

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#### Request

When an applicant pays for and submits their application, current employment verification requests are immediately sent.

#### **Verify Income**

Income is an actionable item for the agent. The supporting documents an applicant has uploaded will require an agent's review to ensure the provided documents meet an agent's qualification standards.

#### **Completed Verifications**

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#### Self-Complete

All contact details for employers and the employment verification questionnaire are provided to agents, so if you'd like to follow up with employers or complete the verifications on your own, it's quick and easy to do so.

## **Employment Verifications**

1.) Authorization by rental Applicant for the release of information:

#### The Questionnaire



#### RENTAL APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION

This form is used to obtain information regarding the employment status of applicants for rental housing. The information provided by the current or former employer may be used solely for the purpose of evaluating the application for rental housing. The applicant's signature below represents their authorization to release an employment verification to Intellirent. Please complete the verification as soon as possible (within 24 - 48 hours). For the fastest response, complete online using the link that has been sent to you via email. You may also complete the verification below and return this form to info@myintellirent.com, or fax: (415) 276–4515.

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hereby authorize the release of information requested online and listed below to Intellirent.				
Name: Bernadette Cannarozzo	Phone: (415) 555-0100			
Signature:	Date: 04/24/2021			
2.) Applicant's stated employment information:				
Employer: Bain & Company	Monthly Gross: \$15,000			
Dates of Employment: 10/27/2019	to Current			
Supervisor: Natalie	Email: natalie@hrdepartment.com			
B.) Requested employment verification (To be completed by employer):  Is the stated information provided above true and correct?  Yes No* N/A* If No, please explain:				
Is applicant still employed?				
Yes No* N/A* If No, please explain:				

# PROPERTIES: PUBLISH & ADVERTISE

Intellirent provides a single-click rental marketing source, so you can advertise your available rentals to over 70 Internet Listing Sites (ILS).

For more details, guides, & tips visit:

Knowledge Base — My Properties

<u>Knowledge Base — Rental Marketing</u>

## PROPERTIES 101

Keeping listings organized and in one place will help you keep track of property invites + make marketing your rental easier than ever.

#### **Properties**



Publish your properties on Intellirent to stay organized and save time. Through our properties feature, you can benefit from:

- simplified process for creating a listing that collects all the details interested renters want most,
- property specific application invites, so you never lose a renter\*,
- all your property details, photos, and interested applicants in spot, ... and much more!

Properties published in your Intellirent account are private until you choose to activate Rental Marketing. More below!

\*Sending an application linked to a specific property will help organize applications as they come in, however publishing a property is not required to receive an application.

#### **Rental Marketing**



Intellirent is not a listing site, but we do post your rental listings to over 70+ websites, including Zillow, Apartment List and Apartments.com. Once you've published your property on Intellirent, you can easily advertise your available rental property with a single-click. Your listing never expires and can be easily updated, in real time, from your Intellirent account with updates going out to each of our partner listing sites at once.

Are you part of a larger team? For companies looking to expand on their website, Intellirent offers additional free features to help you increase your operational efficiencies. Email info@myintellirent.com and ask for more information on branded applications and website listing pages.

### RENTAL MARKETING

#### How it Works

Properties published in your Intellirent account are private unless you choose to activate Rental Marketing. Advertise your available rental property to more multiple listing sites with a single-click.

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#### **Publish Property**

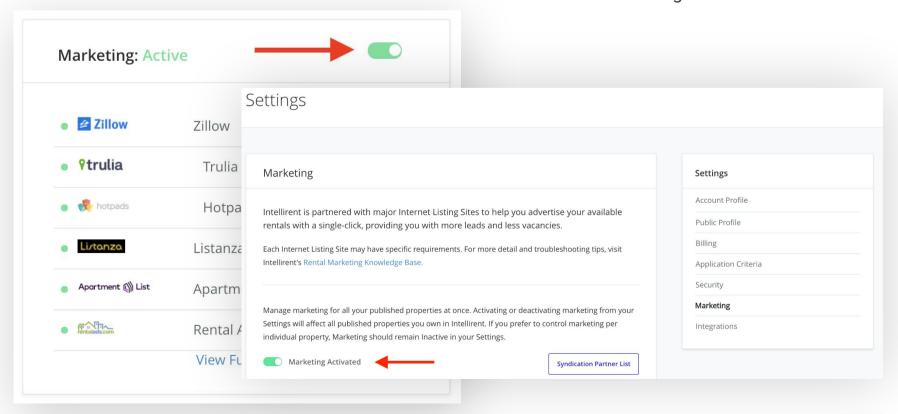
Be sure to include good photos, a well-written and descriptive ad, and all required fields for partner listing sites.

#### **Activate for Property**

From the listing details page, on the right in the Marketing box, click to toggle ON, and activate Rental Marketing for the individual listing.

#### **Activate for Account**

If you have multiple listings and would prefer to activate all at once, navigate to your Settings, using the drop-down menu by your name, then click Marketing, and toggle ON, Marketing: Active.



## PROPERTIES 101: FAQs

Do I need to publish a property on Intellirent to screen an applicant?

No, you can send applications without a property, too!

Where do my properties go?

Too many sites to list here! Intellirent is partnered with every major ILS to help you advertise available rentals with a single click, providing you with more leads and faster rentals. To see a full list of sites we send your listing to, visit: <a href="mailto:info.myintellirent.com/partner-internet-listing-sites">info.myintellirent.com/partner-internet-listing-sites</a>.

Is there an additional cost associated with rental marketing?

No! Rental marketing is free for you — and so are all the leads you'll attract!

How will interested renters contact me?

Once you've activated rental marketing, all communication from leads goes directly to you as the listing agent, and account owner of the published property. If the lead sends a message through a partner site, that message will go directly to your email account associated with your Intellirent account.

Do I need to manage my listing on each site individually?

No, editing your listing through Intellirent will automatically update your listing on each site.

How do I remove my listing from partner sites once it's no longer vacant?

To remove an advertisement from a syndication site, you will want to archive the property.

Do I need to renew my listings at any time?

No, your listing will remain active until you are ready to archive it in Intellirent.