

## **Rev. Proc. 94-9, 1994-2 CB 555--IRC Sec(s). 42**

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Part III

Administrative, Procedural, and Miscellaneous

26 CFR 601.105: Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability. (Also Part I, Section 42.)

### **1. PURPOSE**

This revenue procedure informs owners of low-income buildings how to make the election provided by section 13142(c)(1) of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 (RRA 1993), Pub. L. No. 103-66, 107 Stat. 416, 439-40 (1993). The election is available to owners of low-income buildings not covered by section 7108(e)(1) of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1989 (1989 Act), 1990-1 C.B. 210, 220, and allows these owners to determine the gross rent limitation for rent-restricted units under the number of bedrooms method of section 42(g)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

Section 7108(e)(1) of the 1989 Act changed the method for computing the maximum allowable gross rent in determining if a unit is rent-restricted under section 42(g)(2)(A). This 1989 Act amendment applies to allocations of housing credit dollar amounts (Allocations) made after 1989 (or, to bond-financed buildings placed in service after 1989, to the extent section 42(h)(4) applies to the building). Prior to the 1989 Act amendment of section 42(g)(2), the maximum allowable gross rent for a rent-restricted unit under section 42(g)(2)(A) was determined on the basis of, and varied in accordance with, the actual number of individuals occupying the unit. Under that method, the maximum allowable rent for a rent-restricted unit varies in accordance with the number of individuals occupying the unit.

For a building subject to section 7108(e)(1) of the 1989 Act, a unit in a building is rent-restricted if the gross rent for the unit does not exceed 30 percent of the imputed income limitation applicable to the unit under section 42(g)(2)(C). Section 42(g)(2)(C) provides that the imputed income limitation applicable to a unit is the income limitation that would apply under section 42(g)(1) to individuals occupying the unit if the number of individuals occupying the unit were as follows: (i) for a unit that does not have a separate bedroom, 1 individual, and (ii) for a unit that has 1 or more separate bedrooms, 1.5 individuals for each separate bedroom. This method is known as the number of bedrooms method.

Section 13142(c)(1) of the RRA 1993 allows an owner of a low-income building not covered by section 7108(e)(1) of the 1989 Act to elect to determine the gross rent limitation under the number of bedrooms method of section 42(g)(2)(C). Thus, owners of low-income buildings that received Allocations before 1990 (or of bond-financed buildings placed in service before 1990, to the extent section 42(h)(4)

applies to the building) can make the election provided for in section 13142(c)(1) of the RRA 1993.

Section 13142(c) of the RRA 1993 places the following conditions on this election: (1) the building owner must have met the requirements of section 42(m)(1)(B)(iii) (relating to state housing credit agency procedures for monitoring compliance with section 42); (2) the owner must make the election during the 180 day period beginning on the date of enactment of the RRA 1993; (3) the owner can only apply the number of bedrooms method to tenants first occupying any rent-restricted unit in the building after the date of the election, and the building owner must apply the number of bedrooms method to all rent restricted units whose tenants first occupy any unit in the building after the date of the election; and (4) once made, neither the building owner nor any subsequent owner may revoke the election.

### **3. SCOPE**

This revenue procedure applies to owners of low-income buildings whose buildings were not subject to the amendments to section 42(g)(2) made by section 7108(e)(1) of the 1989 Act.

### **4. ELECTION PROCEDURE**

To make the election to determine the gross rent limitation based on the number of bedrooms method, a building owner must-

.01 By February 7, 1994, send a written statement signed under penalty of perjury to the Internal Revenue Service Center, P.O. Box 245, Philadelphia, PA 19255, that states:

(a) That the building owner elects to use the number of bedrooms method of section 42(g)(2)(C);

(b) That the building owner meets the requirements of the procedures of the compliance monitoring plan in effect on the date of the election that is implemented by the state housing credit agency responsible for monitoring the building;

(c) That the building owner will only apply the elected method to tenants first occupying any unit in the building after the date of the election; and

(d) The building identification number assigned to the building, the building or project name, the building or project address, and the owner's name and taxpayer identification number. .02 Simultaneously send a copy of the election document to the state housing credit agency responsible for monitoring the building.

.03 Attach a copy of the election document to the building's Form 8609 filed for the tax year in which the building owner made the election.

.04 Keep a copy of the election document with the building's records. This copy must stay with the building's records regardless of any ownership transfer.

### **5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ELECTION**

An election under section 4 of this revenue procedure made after publication of the revenue procedure is effective when filed with the Internal Revenue Service Center in Philadelphia, PA. An election under section 13142(c)(1) to use the number of bedrooms method made before the publication of this revenue procedure is effective when made if: (1) the building owner complied with the requirements of section 13142(c) of the RRA 1993, and (2) the building owner perfects the election by following the requirements in section 4 of this revenue procedure.

## **6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This revenue procedure is effective for elections made on or after August 10, 1993.

## **DRAFTING INFORMATION**

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