#### **INSTRUCTIONS: IMPORTANT - Please read all instructions & forms**

Your completed package with all supporting documents <u>must be sent in 48 hours prior to your appointment</u> so that the counselor can perform a cursory review.

NOTE: If you have an impairment, disability, language barrier, or otherwise require an alternative means of completing forms or accessing information about housing counseling, please talk to your housing counselor about arranging alternative accommodations.

If your completed package with COPIES of all supporting documents is not in our office 48 hours prior to the appointment the appointment will be rescheduled.

All forms must be filled out. All Signatures must be physical signatures. We cannot accept electronic signatures. Please read, sign and date all disclosures. If you have questions about any of the forms call our office so a counselor can assist you.

#### How to get the package to us:

By fax: 224-293-6110.

By Email: Info@Restorationamerica.org- scan all documents in 1 to 3 .pdf files

Drop Off: 86 N. Williams St. Crystal Lake IL 60014

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Call our office to verify your paperwork has been received if faxing or emailing

Fees are payable at the time of the appointment and are payable by check, cash or credit card.

The fee disclosure listing all fees follows this instruction sheet. If you are at or below 50% of the HUD Area Median income counseling is free with an approved Fee waiver form - proof of income documentation or other hardship is required. If you think you might qualify for a Fee Waiver, let the housing counselor know so they can confirm if the costs will be waived. There will be no Charge for any of our services as of June 20, 2016.

All charges will be paid through one of our grant funders.

<u>Please note:</u> We cannot retain original documents in your file, and no longer have a copier on site. If you need copies made please visit your local library or copy & print center.

# If you have any questions, please call our office: 847-783-0232 and ask to speak to a Housing Counselor

### **DOCUMENT CHECKLIST**

- Intake Forms and disclosures (all forms in this packet, signed and dated)
- → PROOF OF INCOME: Most Recent Paycheck Stubs (for last 30 days) OR proof of income covering last 30 days from SSI, SSDI, Pension, Retirement, any oother sources
- Proof of *other* household income household occupants that contribute income (if applicable)
- ☆ Personal Bank Statements for last 2 months
- ⇒ FEDERAL TAXES with all schedules, W2s, 1099s last 2 years
- SELF EMPLOYED: Business bank statements and P&L statement for last 6 months if self employed
- Bankruptcy/Foreclosure/Short Sale/Deed in lieu Documentation/Mortgage Statement (if applicable)
- Alimony and Child Support Documentation (if applicable)
- Current copies of monthly bills you are paying this includes utilities –gas electric, phone, cable, cell phone, auto insurance, life insurance, etc (anything that will <u>NOT show up</u> on a credit report Needed to establish and verify current budget expenses)



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### **Personal Information Client Intake Form**

NOTE: If you h accessing infor	ave an impairment, disability, language barrier, or otherwise require an a mation about housing counseling, please talk to your housing counselor a	Ilternative means of co	mpleting this form or tive accommodations.
	r about our housing counseling agency?	ition Friend	/family (specify)
	Part One. Your Biographic and Demographic Inf	ormation	
Name 1:		Date:	/ /
Address:	Last Name First Name Middle Initial	Home Phone:	( ) -
Email Address:	Address and Apartment No City & State Zip  Work Email Personal Email	Cell Phone: Gender:	( ) -  Male Female
Preferred Conta	ct Method: Cell Phone Work Phone Home Phone Email	Best time to be reached:	
Social Security #		Date of Birth:	/ / Age:
Race:	American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian African-American	Ethnicity:	Hispanic Non-
	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White Biracial or Multiracial  Other (Specify) Decline to Answer	Are you a Veteran?  Are you Disabled?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No
Marital Status:	Single Married Divorced Separated Widow	, ,	
Education:	☐ Below High School Diploma ☐ High School/GED ☐ Two Year College	Bachelors Degree	Graduate Degree
Name 2:		Date:	/ /
Address:	Last Name First Name Middle Initial	Home Phone:	( ) -
Addi Coo.	Address and Apartment No City & State Zip	Cell Phone:	( ) -
Email Address:	Work Email Personal Email	Gender:	Male Female
Relationship to Co-Applicant:	Spouse Significant Other Relative (specify): Ot	her:	
Preferred Conta	ct Method: Cell Phone Work Phone Home Phone Email	Best time to be reached:	
Social Security #		Date of Birth:	/ /
Race:	American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian African-American	Ethnicity:	Hispanic Non-
	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White Biracial or Multiracial  Other (Specify)  Decline to Answer	Are you Disabled?	Yes No
Marital Status:		Are you Disabled?	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Single Married Divorced Separated Widow  Below High School Diploma High School/GED Two Year College	Bachelors Degree	Graduate Degree
Education:		Pacticions peglee	Graduate Degree



**Previous** 

Address:

Address

**Employer:** 

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**Dates** 

Work Phone: (

of Employment:

to

	FILE/CLIENT	#			
1y household type is					
Single Adult		Married	Cohabitating		emale-headed
_ Single Addit		Warried			with dependents
☐ Single male-heade vith dependents	d household	Roommates/ unrelated adults	Living with non- family members (pa siblings, etc)	-	specify)
amily household size		Languages Spoken (specify): _		_	
		Part Two. Your E	mployment Status		
Name 1's Employi	nent Status				
Employed Full-ti	me	Employed Part-T		Employed Seaso	onally
Unemployed, re	-	=	ceiving no benefits	Self-Employed	
Disabled, receiv	ng benefits	Retired		Other (specify):	
Name 1 Employer:				Dates of Employment:	to
Address:				- Work Phone:	<u> </u>
	ress	City & State	e Zip	-	( )
Previous				Dates	to
Employer:				of Employment:	
Address:				Work Phone:	( ) -
Ada	ress	City & State	e Zip		
Name 2's Employ			_		
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Disabled, receiv	•	Retired	leiving no benefits	Other (specify):	
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Name 2				Dates	to
Employer:				of Employment:	
Address:				Work Phone:	( ) -
Ada	ress	City & State	z Zip	-	

City & State

Zip



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Part T	hree. Your Housing Status and Housing	Goals
Homeless Boarder (rent	with mortgage(s) ting) receive rental assistance subsidies?	☐ Homeowner (no mortgage debt) ☐ Living with family (renting/not renting) ☐ No If yes, please specify:
My housing goal is tocheck all that applied by a home (pre-purchase counseling)  Buy a Home (FHA Back to Work)  Discuss a fair housing rights violation		ure Reverse Mortgage Counseling Financial literacy /budget counseling Other:
Part I	Four. Your Rental and Mortgage Informa	ation
1 2010		
If you are currently renting, how long have y	you been renting? Years Months. Ch	eck all that apply:
☐ I pay market rent	☐ I receive a rent subsidy and/or public housing resident	☐ I am a Section 8 recipient
☐ I am facing eviction	I am delinquent with my rent and need assistance	I am delinquent with utilities and need assistance
I am interested in filing a fair housing cla	nim. Specify reason(s):	
	ortgage? YES NO. If YES, please answe	u - put a line through this section
	First Mortgage	Second Mortgage
Is this loan Current or Delinquent?	Current Delinquent	Current Delinquent
Mortgage servicer name		
Loan Number		
Loan Balance	\$	\$
Interest Rate		
Monthly Principal and Interest Payment		
(excluding taxes and insurance).  Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI)		
payment	\$	\$
Fixed or Adjusting Interest Rate?	Fixed Adjusting I don't know	Fixed Adjusting I don't know
Date you made your last payment:	/ /	/ /
Past Due Amount:	\$	\$
Have you previously applied for a loan modification or forbearance?	Yes No	Yes No
If "yes," please provide details on the		
outcome of your previous foreclosure		
prevention effort here:		
Reason for Default:	tion Decrease in income Increase in a	voorses Modical Hardship Other
Divorce Disability Marital Separa	tion 🔛 Decrease in income 🔛 Increase in ex	rpenses Medical Hardship Other



Total COMBINED Net: \$

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Please provide additional remarks about your hardship here:	
Has your hardship ended?  Yes No	
Do you have the ability and willingness to resume mortgage payments? Yes	□No
If "No," you seeking an alternative outcome, such as a deed-in lieu of foreclosur	e or short sale? Explain.
Questions related to your credit history:	
1. Are there any outstanding judgments against you? \( \square\) Yes \( \square\) No	
2. Have you declared bankruptcy within the past seven years?   Yes No	I am currently in a bankruptcy plan.
3. Within the past seven years, have you had a property foreclosed or surrender	red through a deed-in-lieu?  Yes No
Part Five. Your Income, Debt, and Average	e Monthly Expenses

Please provide information regarding your income and household debts and expenses below. Remember, every number should represent a monthly calculation (not quarterly or annual).

	Nam	ne 1	Na	me 2
	Monthly	Income	Month	ly Income
Income Type	<b>Gross</b> ( <i>Before</i> Taxes/Deductions)	Net (After Taxes/ Deductions)	Gross (Before Taxes/Deductions)	Net (After Taxes/Deductions)
1. Salary/wage earnings	\$	\$	\$	\$
2. Rental Income	\$	\$	\$	\$
3. Child support/Alimony	\$	\$	\$	\$
4. Social Security	\$	\$	\$	\$
5. Pension Income	\$	\$	\$	\$
6. Dependent SSI income	\$	\$	\$	\$
7. Disability income	\$	\$	\$	\$
8. Unemployment Income	\$	\$	\$	\$
9. Public assistance income	\$	\$	\$	\$
10. Other:	\$	\$	\$	\$
11. Other:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total COMBINED Gross:	\$		•	



Average Monthly Debts	Name 1	Name 2
1. Rent	\$	\$
2. Mortgage (Principal and Interest)	\$	\$
3. Property Taxes, HOA, Insurance	\$	\$
4. Car Payment(s)	\$	\$
5. Car Insurance	\$	\$
6. Credit Cards (Total)	\$	\$
7. Childcare/daycare	\$	\$
8. Alimony/Child Support	\$	\$
9. School Tuition	\$	\$
10. Medical Debt:	\$	\$
11. Gas/Transportation	\$	\$
12. Household Utilities (Water, Electric, Gas, Trash, Landline, Cable)	\$	\$
13. Cell Phone(s)	\$	\$
14. Food (groceries + eating out)	\$	\$
15. Student Loan Debt	\$	\$
16. Tithing	\$	\$
17. Other:	\$	\$
Total:	\$	\$
Total COMBINED costs:	\$	

Now, refer to your COMBINED net income on the previous page. Subtract your COMBINED costs as added on the right. This represents your monthly cash flow. Complete the calculation below.
Taking my combined monthly net income of \$
and subtracting my combined monthly costs of \$
equals \$
I/we have POSITIVE or NEGATIVE cash flow.

Total	Value, Liquid Assets:	Total Value, Hard	d Assets:
1. Stocks/Bonds/CDs:	\$	1. Owner Occupied Property Value:	\$
2. Savings Account:	\$	2. Investment Property value:	\$
3. Checking Accounts:	\$	3. Other:	\$
4. Other:	\$	4. Other:	\$
Total Value:	\$	Total value:	\$

Name 1 Signature:	Date:
Name 2 Signature:	Date:

# CFPB FINANCIAL WELL-BEING SCALE Questionnaire

NAME OR NUMBER

## Part 1: How well does this statement describe you or your situation?

This statement describes me	Completely	Very well	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all
I could handle a major unexpected expense					
2. I am securing my financial future					
3. Because of my money situation, I feel like I will never have the things I want in life					
4. I can enjoy life because of the way I'm managing my money					
5. I am just getting by financially					
6. I am concerned that the money I have or will save won't last					
Part 2: How often does this statemer	nt apply to <u>y</u>	you?			
Part 2: How often does this statemer	nt apply to <u>y</u>	you?			
This statement applies to me	nt apply to y	you? Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
This statement applies to me  7. Giving a gift for a wedding, birthday or other occasion would put a strain on my finances for the month	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
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Hardship Explanation:		
·		
Signature:	Date:	
Signature:	Date <sup>.</sup>	

Client ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Restoration America



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#### **Housing Counseling Privacy Policy**

NOTE: If you have an impairment, disability, language barrier, or otherwise require an alternative means of completing this form or accessing information about housing counseling, please talk to your housing counselor about arranging alternative accommodations.

Restoration America, Inc.(RA) is committed to assuring the privacy of individuals and/or families who have contacted us for assistance. We realize that the concerns you bring to us are highly personal in nature. We assure you that all personal information shared orally and/or in writing will be managed within ethical and legal considerations. Additionally, we want you to understand how we use the personal information we collect about you. Please carefully review this notice as it describes our policy regarding the collection and disclosure of your nonpublic, personal information.

#### What is nonpublic, personal information?

- Information that identifies an individual personally and is not otherwise publically available information, such as your Social Security Number or demographic data such as your race and ethnicity
- Includes personal financial information such as credit history, income, employment history, financial assets, bank account information and financial debts

What personal information does RA collect about you? We collect personal information about you from the following sources:

- Information that you provide on applications, forms, email, or verbally
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others
- Information we receive from your creditors or employment references
- Credit Reports

#### What categories of information do we disclose and to whom?

We may disclose the following personal information to financial service providers (such as companies providing home mortgages), Federal, State, and nonprofit partners for program review, monitoring, auditing, research, and/or oversight purposes, and/or any other pre-authorized individual and/or organization. The types of information we disclose are as follows:

- Information you provide on applications/forms or other forms of communication. This information may include your name, address, Social Security Number, employer, occupation, account numbers, assets, expenses, and income.
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others; such as your account balance, monthly payment, payment history, and method of payment.
- Information we receive from a consumer credit reporting agency; such as your credit bureau reports, your credit and payment history, your credit scores, and/or your creditworthiness.
- We do not sell or rent your personal information to any outside entity.
- We may share anonymous, aggregated case file information; but this information may not be disclosed in a manner that would
  personally identify you in any way. This is done in order to evaluate our program, gather valuable research information, and/or
  design future programs.
- We may also disclose personal information about you to third parties as permitted by law.

#### How is your personal information secured?

We restrict access to your nonpublic personal information to RA employees who need to know that information in order to perform their housing counseling duties. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal information; and we train our staff to safeguard client information and prevent unauthorized access, disclosure, or use.

#### **Opting Out of Certain Disclosures**

You may direct RA to *not* disclose your nonpublic personal information to third parties (other than disclosures made to project partners and those permitted by law). However, if you choose to opt out, we will not be able to answer any questions from your creditors, which may limit RA's ability to provide services such as foreclosure prevention counseling. If you choose to opt-out, please sign below under the "Opt-Out" clause. If you choose to release your information as stipulated in this Privacy Policy, sign under the "Release" clause. You may change your decision any time by contacting our agency.

Name 1 (Printed)	Signature	Date	Name 2 (Printed)	Signature	Date
KELEASE' I hord	by authorize RA HCA to	release nonpublic pe	rsonal information it obtains		
			nowledge that I have read and	understand the above pr	ivacy practices





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About Us and Program Purpose: Restoration America, Housing Counseling Agency (RA) is a nonprofit, HUD-approved comprehensive housing counseling agency. We provide education workshops and a full spectrum of housing counseling including pre-purchase, free foreclosure prevention/mortgage modification assistance, non-delinquency post-purchase, rental counseling. We serve all clients regardless of income, race, color, religion/creed, sex, national origin, age, family status, disability, or sexual orientation/gender identity. We administer our programs in conformity with local, state, and federal anti-discrimination laws, including the federal Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3600, et seq.). As a housing counseling program participant, please affirm your roles and responsibilities along with the following disclosures and initial, sign, and date the form on the following page.

Client and Counselor Roles and Responsibilities:

#### Counselor's Roles and Responsibilities Client's Roles and Responsibilities Reviewing your housing goal and your finances; • Completing the steps assigned to you in your Client which include your income, debts, assets, and credit history. • Providing accurate information about your income, • Preparing a Client Action Plan that lists the steps debts, expenses, credit, and employment. that you and your counselor will take in order to • Attending meetings, returning calls, providing achieve your housing goal. requested paperwork in a timely manner. • Preparing a household budget that will help you • Notifying Restoration America or your counselor manage your debt, expenses, and savings. when changing housing goal. Your counselor is not responsible for achieving • Attending educational workshop(s) (i.e. pre-purchase your housing goal, but will provide guidance and counseling workshop) as recommended. education in support of your goal. • Retaining an attorney if seeking legal advice and/or Neither your counselor nor Restoration representation in matters such as foreclosure or America's employees, agents, or bankruptcy protection. directors may provide legal advice.

Termination of Services: Failure to work cooperatively with your housing counselor and/or Restoration America with result in the discontinuation of counseling services. This includes, but is not limited to, missing three consecutive appointments.

<u>Agency Conduct</u>: No Restoration America employee, officer, director, contractor, volunteer, or agent shall undertake any action that might result in, or create the appearance of, administering counseling operations for personal or private gain, provide preferential treatment for any person or organization, or engage in conduct that will compromise our agency's compliance with federal regulations and our commitment to serving the best interests of our clients.

<u>Agency Relationships</u>: Restoration America has financial affiliation or professional affiliations with HUD, NeighborWorks America, the State of Illinois, IHDA, IDFPR, and banks including Bank of America, Citimortgage, and JP Morgan Chase. As a housing counseling program participant, you are not obligated to use the products and services of Restoration America or any of our industry partners.

Alternative Services, Programs, and Products & Client Freedom of Choice: Restoration America provides housing counseling and classroom education in partnership with Bank of America's Connect to Own program. However, you are not obligated to participate in this or any other programs and services while you are receiving housing counseling from our agency. You may consider seeking alternative products and services from entities including the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) for first-time homebuyer loan programs, and CCCS of McHenry, CCCS of Elgin, Lake County Housing Authority, IHDA for other first-time homebuyer programs. You are entitled to choose whatever real estate professionals, lenders, and lending products that best meet your needs.

Referrals and Community Resources: You will be provided a community resource list which outlines the county and regional services available to meet a variety of needs, including utilities assistance,





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emergency shelter, transitional housing, food banks, and legal aid assistance. This list also identifies alternative agencies that provide services, programs, or products identical to those offered by Restoration America and its exclusive partners and affiliates.

Errors and Omissions and Disclaimer of Liability: I/we agree Restoration America, Inc., its employees,

Privacy Policy: I/we acknowledge that I/we received a copy of Restoration America's privacy policy.

Date

omissions by such parties, or programs; and I hereby releasifiliates. I have read this do and have signed it freely and complete and unconditional provision of this document is	r related to my pa ase and waive all ocument, understa d without any indurelease of all liab unenforceable, i	arms and causes of action arising articipation in Restoration Americ claims of action against Restora and that I have given up substan accement or assurance of any nat ility to the greatest extent allowed the shall be modified to the extent rear of this document shall remain of	a's counseling tion America and its tial rights by signing it, ure and intend it to be a d by law. If any necessary to make the	
requirements, Restoration Al completion of your housing of you to evaluate your client ex	merica Inc., or on ounseling service operience. Your s	eatisfaction and in compliance wit e of its partners, may contact you e. You may be requesterd to con survey data may be confidentially o or Neighborworks America.	u during or after the aplete a srvey asking	
I/we acknowledge that I/we	received, revie	wed, and agree to Restoration	America, Inc. Program Disc	losures.
Name 1 Signature	Date	Counselor Signature	 Date	



Name 2 Signature

**Restoration America Fee Policy** 

Service Provided	Households Earning Below 50% HUD Median Income	Households Earning Above 50% of HUD Median Income
Pre-Purchase Counseling/ Pre-Purchase FHA Back To Work Counseling One on One	Free – includes credit report fee, financial management class and materials if needed, and homeownership education class if needed/requested. Customer will have the option of purchasing a homeownership education manual for \$23.00.	\$95 per household \$20.00 Credit Report fee (all members of household must be present at the counseling session) One time fee per household includes the initial housing counseling session (2-2.5 hours) and all subsequent housing counseling sessions needed (unlimited) by the customer. Includes homeownership education class and/ or financial management class if needed/requested. We also offer an online Pre-Purchase class through Framework. The online class is \$75.00 and includes a follow up session with a counselor.
Pre Purchase Homeownership Education Class for Non-counseling customers.	Free* (customer will have the option of purchasing a homeownership education manual for an additional \$23.00, one will be provided for use during the class).	\$25.00 per household (customer will have the option of purchasing a homeownership education manual for an additional \$23.00, one will be provided for use during the class).
Rental Counseling One on one	Free*	\$50.00 per household – includes \$16.00 credit report fee One time fee includes the initial housing counseling session and all subsequent housing counseling sessions needed by the customer. Includes Rental Housing Workshop if needed/requested
Rental Housing Workshop – Non-counseling customers	Free*	\$25.00 per household - including materials
Financial Management/Budget Counseling One on One	Free*	\$50.00 per household – includes \$16.00 credit report fee One time fee includes the initial housing counseling session and all subsequent housing counseling sessions needed by the customer. Includes Rental Housing Workshop or pre-purchase class if needed/requested
Financial Management/Budget/Credit Workshops Non-counseling customers	Free*	\$25.00 per household – includes materials
Predatory Lending Education Workshops	Free*	Free*
Post-Purchase Counseling & Workshops	Free*	Free*
Fair Housing Counseling & Workshops	Free*	Free*
Mortgage Delinquency/Foreclosure Counseling / Workshop	Free*	Free*
HECM Counseling	\$125- Client has the option of having the counseling fee paid at closing, if paying the fee upfront would create a hardship	\$125- The client has the option of paying the counseling fee at the time of the appointment or they can option to have the fee paid at the time of the closing.

\* Costs incurred by the agency to provide services will be offset by grant funds provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Developed (HUD), or other funding programs currently

available to the agency for that service type. In those situations where the charging of fees will present a hardship for the customer, the customer may request a fee waiver. The counselor or trainer will complete a Fee Waiver/Program Exception form, which has been approved by the program director. Income Documentation of proof of hardship provided by the client may be required. A hardship may be considered if:

- Customer has a debt-to-income ratio above 45%
- Customer earns 50% (or below) of HUD Median Income
- Customer is experiencing a hardship due to illness, unexpected financial crisis, etc.