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**SECTION 811 PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE (PRA) PROGRAM  
 Referral Agent Housing Interview Questionnaire**

This is an optional form that will not be submitted to MaineHousing or the Owner/Property Manager. However, it is very important that the Referral Agent engage the applicant in a conversation about these questions. This information will be helpful to the Referral Agent as they advocate on the applicant’s behalf.

Review with applicant all of the places the applicant has lived over the last five years. List all of the locations below starting with the current residence and working backwards.

<b>Applicant Housing History</b>			
<b>Residence/Address</b>	<b>How long lived there?</b>	<b>Landlord Name</b>	<b>Landlord Contact Information</b>

**LANDLORD/RESIDENCE EVALUATIONS**

After listing addresses above answer the following questions.

Does the applicant think this landlord will give them a good reference? Why or Why not? List addresses.

Did they pay the rent on time? How much was the rent and how much was your income at this time? Was this public housing, subsidized apartment or assisted housing or did you have a voucher to use to help pay the rent?

Did they receive any nonpayment notices? If yes, what were the reasons and the outcome? DO they owe rent to this landlord?

Do they owe back utilities for this address?

Did they ever go to Court with this landlord? If yes, what were the reasons and the outcome?

Was this apartment hard to keep clean?

Did they get along with their neighbors?

Did the police ever have to come to their residence? If yes, what were the reasons and the outcome?

Were they living with anyone else at this residence?

Was any household member evicted in the last 3 years from federally assisted housing for drug-related criminal activity? If so, has that household member successfully completed an approved, supervised drug rehabilitation program?

### **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND**

Ask the following questions of all household members. In addition to answering these questions, it is recommended that the applicant request a copy of their criminal record so that the applicant and their advocates can know what any Owner will see when they conduct a background check.

Have you ever been arrested?

If yes, what was the reason for the arrest?

Were you convicted, if so, when and for what specifically?

Are you subject to State lifetime registration as a sex offender?

Did you spend time in jail? If yes, for how long?

Are you currently a user of marijuana?