## Third Party Professional Documentation for Lease Termination

What is the purpose of this form?

This is form serves as documentation for the purposes of residential lease termination for certain victims. In addition to other steps the victim must take, this form serves as one of the types of documentation required by law a victim must show to terminate their lease early for safety purposes.

Who may sign this form?

This form may be signed by 'third party professionals' who are:

- Licensed medical care providers, who examined or evaluated the victim,
- Licensed mental health care providers, who examined or evaluated the victim, or
- Advocates at a family violence center<sup>1</sup> or rape crisis center<sup>2</sup>, who assisted the victim.

## What am I attesting to?

The person in your care or receiving services is seeking residential lease termination due to victimization. You are attesting that you are a professional that falls into one of the three categories of third-party professionals listed below and in this capacity you have examined, evaluated or assisted the victim.

## Professional Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Credentials (optional):** 

Affiliation, Center, or Practice Name:
I am a:
(check one)
Advocate at a Family Violence Center or Rape Crisis Center
Licensed Health Care Services Provider (MD, RN, APRN, PA, CNS, PT, etc.)
Licensed Mental Health Services Provider (LCSW, LMSW, LMFT, LPC, etc.)
I have assisted, examined or evaluated (Name of
victim) relating to their status as a:
(check one)
a victim of family violence a victim of sexual assault, attempted sexual assault, or stalking a parent or guardian of a victim of sexual assault, indecency with a child, continuous sexual abuse of a child, sexual performance by a child, an attempt to commit any of these offenses, or stalking
Signature:Date:

This completed and signed certification form serves as documentation from a third-party professional and meets the requirements to be utilized for the purposes of lease termination for victims of family and sexual violence per Texas Property Code <u>§92.016</u> and <u>§92.0161</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Family Code <u>93.001</u>: Advocate a person who has at least 20 hours of training in assisting victims of family violence and is an employee or volunteer of a family violence center.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Government Code <u>420.003</u>: Advocate means a person who provides advocacy services as an employee or volunteer of a sexual assault program.