

FAA Smoke-Free Multifamily Housing Certification

How do I apply for FAA Smoke-Free Certification?

To apply for certification, send the completed application form, document checklist, and supporting documents by one of these methods:

Mail to:

FAA Smoke-Free Certification
105 East Robinson Street, Suite 301
Orlando, FL 32801

Email to:

smokefree@faahq.org

Fax to:

407-960-2911

How do I obtain an FAA Smoke-Free Certification application?

You may obtain an application for Smoke-Free Certification and a document checklist on our website, www.faahq.org/smoke-free-housing

How can I make residents, potential residents, guests, and staff aware of the apartment community's FAA Smoke-Free Certification?

FAA will provide materials to display in your leasing office or clubhouse, as well as a smoke-free-certified logo to place on your website and printed marketing materials. A list of communities with current smoke-free certifications will be placed on the FAA website, www.faahq.org/smoke-free-communities

What are the different levels of FAA Smoke-Free Certification and what do they mean?

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★ GOLD CERTIFIED ★

Breathe easy everywhere:
No smoking throughout the entire community

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★ SILVER CERTIFIED ★

Breathe easy where you live and play: No smoking indoors and within 25 feet of buildings and amenities

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★ BLUE CERTIFIED ★

Breathe easy in your home:
No smoking inside units or indoor common areas

How do I implement a smoke-free policy to receive FAA Smoke-Free Certification?

To be certified as smoke-free, a community must have a) a lease or contract that prohibits residents and guests from smoking in the areas specified by the level of certification and b) a policy that prohibits employees from smoking in the areas specified by the level of certification. Communities that use the Florida Lease (also known as FAA Click & Lease, powered by Blue Moon Software) have access to a no-smoking addendum that is compliant with the FAA Smoke-Free Multifamily Housing Program.

In addition, FAA is working in partnership with the Florida Department of Health and Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida to provide resources for property owners and managers to adopt smoke-free policies. Email smokefree@faahq.org for assistance.

What Are the Benefits of FAA Smoke-Free Certification?

FAA's Smoke-Free Multifamily Housing Certification demonstrates your community's commitment to providing a healthy living environment for residents and their guests. With your paid certification, you will receive an acrylic display for your leasing office or clubhouse, a window decal detailing the year of certification, and unlimited use of the FAA Smoke-Free Certification logo for your print and digital marketing. FAA will include your smoke-free certified community on the FAA website and will report it to the state Department of Health and Tobacco Free Florida, which provides referrals to prospective residents seeking smoke-free living.

How do I enforce a smoke-free policy to keep my FAA Smoke-Free Certification?

A smoke-free policy should be enforced in the same way other policies on the property are enforced (e.g., pets, noise, trash, etc.). Owners and managers of smoke-free communities have found that their smoke-free policies are largely self-enforcing and complaint-based, like noise or pet policies. Your lease/contract and employee policy should specify that violations may result in termination of lease or employment.

If my community enacts a smoke-free policy, is that discriminatory?

No. A smoke-free policy only restricts smoking behavior; it does not disallow smokers from living in your apartment community. It is legal for owners to restrict smoking anywhere on their property, including inside apartment units. Asking applicants if they smoke may constitute discrimination against smokers; consult a legal professional for more information.

Is there a fee associated with FAA Smoke-Free Certification?

There is a \$95 annual fee, payable to FAA, by check or credit card, as indicated at the bottom of the application.

