

Applying Under Qualification 1

Qualification 1: Residence in Areas of Disproportionate Impact/Income

1. Identify that Qualification 1 is applicable;
2. Verify that your income **does not** exceed [these income limits \(400% of the Area Median Income\)](#). **If your income does not exceed those listed, select “No” to be considered eligible;**
3. Submit the required **multiple forms of documentation** that show you lived in an [area of disproportionate impact](#) (ADI) for any five years out of the past 10 years. The years do not need to be consecutive but must show proof of five years of residency. If your residency was/is in Boston, Lowell, Worcester, or Springfield, please use the guidelines [here](#) to ensure your street address is considered part of an ADI.

Examples of **multiple forms of eligible documentation**:

- You can submit an electric bill from 2011 and a driver’s license issued in 2018. Or, you could submit a lease from 2010 and a bank statement from 2016. Both forms of eligible documentation must show residency in an ADI.
- If you were registered to vote, you may be able to obtain proof of residency by contacting a [local election official](#) and asking for your voting record.
- If you are Massachusetts driver, you may be able to obtain proof by requesting your driving record online, in person, by phone or by mail, from the [Registry of Motor Vehicles](#). Please note: fees are associated with requesting driving records.

Accepted Documents:

- A Massachusetts driver’s license or Massachusetts ID card record;
- A signed lease agreement that includes the subject’s name;
- Residential property deed that includes the subject’s name;
- School records;
- Housing authority records;
- Banking records;
- Utility bills, which identifies energy and water use;



- Dated notices or correspondence from a local or state government entity that includes the subject's name.

Questions? If you have additional questions regarding the Social Equity Program, please contact the Commission at Equity@CCCMass.com or (774) 415-0200.

