NextGen External User's Guide

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What is NextGen?

NextGen is a web-based application used to collect tenant occupancy and demographic data for properties with low-income housing tax credits (LIHTC) or CHFA Loans. NextGen is replacing the system known as WCMS.

What data do I need to enter in NextGen?

All certification activity is required to be uploaded or manually entered in NextGen on a monthly basis, preferably by the 10th of the month but no later than the end of the month following the certification date. Certifications that must be entered include:

- All move-in and initial certifications*
- Annual recertifications
- Interim certifications**
- Unit transfers
- Move-out certifications
- * An initial certification should only be created if a property is leasing up after substantial rehabilitation or if an existing market-rate tenant has become eligible for the low-income program. Do not use this option for new occupants to your property.
- ** Interim certifications are only required by CHFA if an adult (18 years old or older) is being added to the household before the next-scheduled annual recertification. All other changes can be entered with the next annual recert.

Tenant Data Uploads:

Certain property software products can create a data file that contains your tenants' certification data. This data file, which is formatted especially for the purpose of uploading tenant data, can then be uploaded into NextGen. Uploading your monthly tenant certifications can save you time by eliminating the need to manually enter this data.

Currently, this feature is available with:

- Yardi
- Real Page's OneSite
- HAB, Inc.
- Boston Post

Please contact your property software's technical support for more information. PLEASE NOTE: If your product is an older version that only supports NAHMA versions 3.1 or 4.0 (NextGen currently accepts versions 5.0 and 6.0 only), you will need to request that your property's software is updated to support these newer versions.

For more information about uploading your tenant data, please refer to "XML Tenant Upload Tab" on page 22. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Boyd at CHFA for more information (pboyd@chfainfo.com).

Registering for a new account

If you do not already have a WCMS or NextGen account, you will first need to complete the registration request form. CHFA staff cannot create an account for you. If you previously had a WCMS account, you will be able to log into NextGen using your WCMS credentials.

To register, please follow these instructions:

First, navigate to the NextGen Log In screen: https://co-ng.hdsoftware.net/auth/login, and click the link to create a new account.

<u>To complete the registration form, please follow these steps: (Figure 1, next page):</u>

- 1. Select "Compliance User" from the Account Type drop-down.
- 2. Enter your first and last name
- 3. Enter your company email address.

NOTE: The NextGen system will not allow for users to use an email address that is already assigned to another user. If you share an email address with others in your organization, please contact Peggy Boyd at pboyd@chfainfo.com.

- 4. Create a "generic" username, such as your first initial and last name. It is recommended that you do not use the property name as your username, since multiple properties can be added to an individual account and your user account can be used if you move to a different property. Don't forget to make a note of the username you create.
- 5. Create a strong password, containing at least 8 characters.
- 6. Confirm the password you created. Don't forget to make a note of the password you create.
- 7. Enter your Organization Name (this can be either the property you manage or the management/ownership company you are employed by)
- 8. Enter your Organizational Role (select the option that best fits your position)
- 9. Enter the address, city, state and zip code of your property/organization
- 10. Enter your business phone number
- 11. Click the blue "+" under the Request Site Access section.
 - a. In the Add Site window (Figure 2), type the CHFA property name and/or property number for each property that you will need to access in the system.
 - *Note: Property names/numbers must be entered exactly as they appear in CHFA's system; if you do not have this info, please refer to the LIHTC/CHFA Loan Properties report located at: https://www.chfainfo.com/arh/asset/Pages/wcms.aspx.
 - b. Click the blue Add Site button.
 - c. Repeat steps 11a. and 11b. for each property that needs to be accessed in NextGen
- 12. To complete your registration, click the "I agree to EULA terms and conditions" box then Create Account

NOTE: All registration requests will need to be approved by CHFA before you will be able to log into the system. You will receive an email once this has been completed.

Registering for a new account (continued)

Information entered into the NextGen system is of a personal and sensitive nature. To help maintain the security of this data, PLEASE DO NOT SHARE ACCOUNT LOG INS. All users should have his or her own NextGen account.

Figure 1

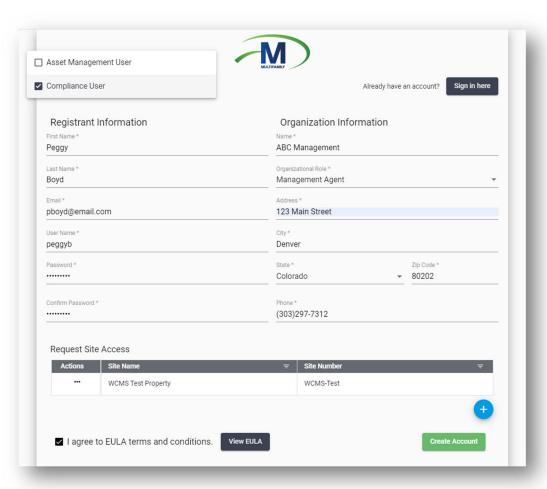
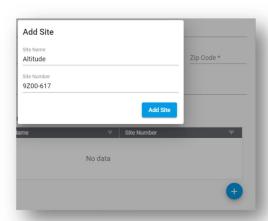


Figure 2

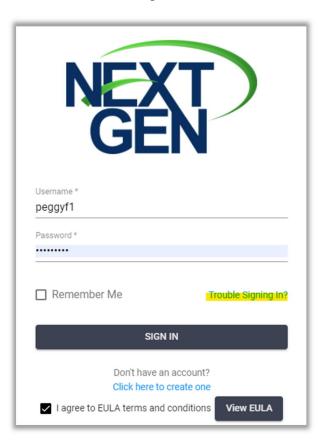


Logging In to NextGen

To log into NextGen:

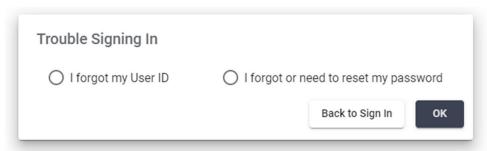
- 1. Navigate to the NextGen Log In screen: https://co-ng.hdsoftware.net/auth/login
- 2. Enter the Username and Password you created when registering, or your current WCMS credentials
- 3. Agree to the EULA terms and conditions
- 4. Click Sign In. (Figure 3)

Figure 3



If you have forgotten your username or password, click the "Trouble Signing In?" link on the NextGen login screen. Then, select the appropriate selection in the "Trouble Signing In" screen (Figure 4), and click "OK". The system will send an email with instructions on how to proceed.

Figure 4



Welcome to NextGen!

Landing Page:

With each new login, you will be directed to NextGen's Landing Page (Figure 5). Click on the M (Multifamily) icon to continue to your Home Page.





If the Multifamily icon is greyed-out, please refresh your browser.

Figure 5

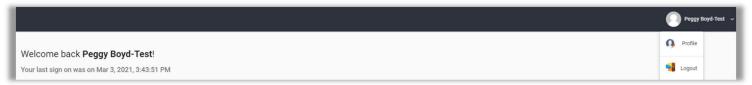


Home Page Features

Profile:

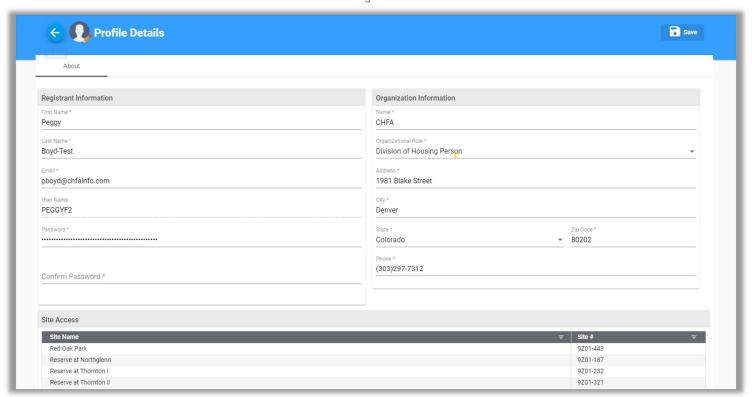
On the Landing Page, and all the other pages throughout NextGen, you will see your name at the top right of the screen (Figure 6). Clicking the down-arrow next to your name will allow you to view/edit your Profile and logout of the system.

Figure 6



When making edits to your Profile Details, please be sure to click Save in the top right of the screen before exiting. Included on your Profile Details screen is a list of all the sites for which you have access in the system, including the CHFA Site # (Figure 7).

Figure 7



Home Page Features (continued)



NAVIGATION TIP: Click the "Home" icon from any screen within NextGen to navigate back to the Home Page, or the "Waffle" icon to return to the Landing Page.





On your NextGen Home Page, you will see a variety of menus and icons to help you navigate the system (Figure 8). Additionally, if your portfolio includes properties with low income housing tax credits (LIHTC), you will see a graph of Vacant Units by Site. To select a different property for this graph, click the down-arrow next to the property name to access the drop-down list.



If you have properties that <u>only</u> have CHFA Loans, those properties are not currently available in the "Vacant Units by Site" graph. We are working with the software company to add these other property types in a later release.



Figure 8

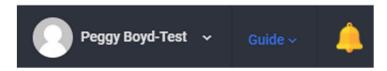
Icons:

Top right corner (Figure 9)

These navigation items are viewable from all pages throughout NextGen:

- Your Profile (found by clicking the arrow or "carrot" next to your username)
- Guide: The software company's user guide
- Bell icon: If any alerts or notifications are available, they will appear here.

Figure 9



Home Page Features (continued)

Icons:

<u>Top left corner (Figure 10)</u>

This navigation pane is viewable from all pages throughout NextGen. The icons below from left to right are:

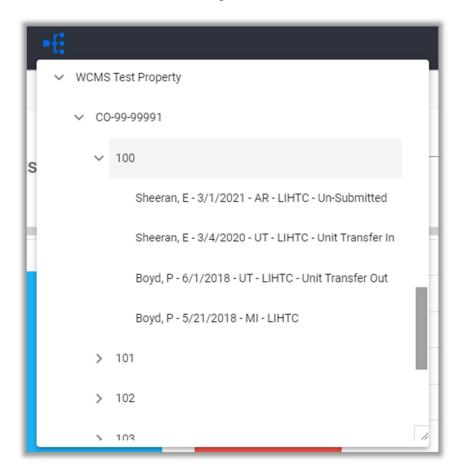
- "M" HDS Multifamily indicates that you are currently active in the Multifamily module. Click the "push-pin" icon to show or hide the left navigation menu. (See page 10 for more info)
- Waffle icon Use this icon to navigate back to the NextGen Landing Page
- Home icon Use this icon to navigate back to the Home Page
- Star icon Screens that are marked as favorites can be found here. To save a favorite, click the Star icon and then select which screens you wish to keep as a favorite. Your favorites will then appear as icons at the top.
- Tree icon Allows you to navigate to a specific site's units and tenant certifications in "Edit" mode. (Figure 11)

Note: Navigation to the Site Info and Building Info pages is not available to external users.

Figure 10



Figure 11



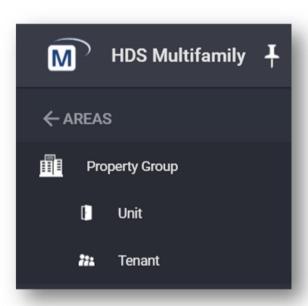
Home Page Features (continued)

Menus:

Left Navigation (Figure 12):

- Select the area you wish to view by clicking on either Unit or Tenant from the left navigation menu.
- Click the "push-pin" to the right of "HDS Multifamily" to hide/unpin or show/pin the left-navigation menu. Hiding the menu will give a larger desktop view of the screens you are viewing.

Figure 12





By design, external users will only see the options to view the units and tenant data for their properties. At this time, external users will not see any property or building data.

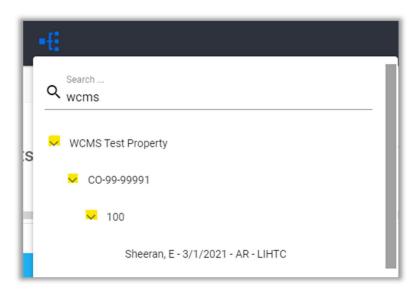
Unit Page Features

To navigate to the Unit page (page 12, Figure 14), you can either click "Unit" from the left-navigation menu or select the unit from the tree icon.



To select a Unit from the tree icon, first click the "carrots" to the left of the Site name and Building number. Then, click on the desired Unit number to select it. (Figure 13)

Figure 13



Adding a Unit:

To add a new unit to the building, click the blue "+ Unit" icon at the upper right portion of the Unit page



The Unit page has two tabs at the top: Search and Reports

Search tab:

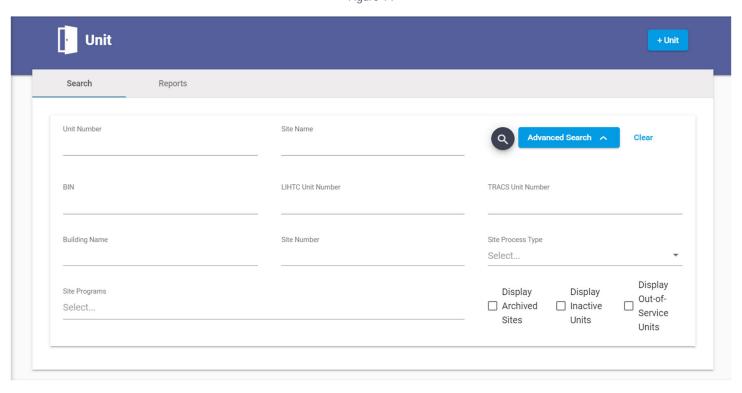
When navigating to the Unit screen, the system takes you to the Search tab by default (tabs are shown at the top of the page). Users can do a simple search from this screen or choose to click on the blue Advanced Search button to enter other criteria, such as:

- BIN
- LIHTC Unit Number
- TRACS Unit Number
- Building Name
- Site Number
- Site Process Type

Once you have entered the criteria for your search, click the looking glass icon.



Figure 14



Upon clicking the looking glass icon, the system will display the search results in a grid at the bottom of the screen (page 13, Figure 15). Use the grid in the following ways to edit the way you view the data:

- Click on column headers to sort by specific columns. For instance, clicking on the Unit Number heading will sort the search results in ascending or descending unit number order.
- Click on the Column Chooser icon to open that window, then drag column headers that are not needed to that window.
- Click on the Export all data icon to export the search results to Excel.
- To filter data, click the smaller looking glass at the top of the column . For example, if you only wanted to see units in Bldg. 3, you would click the looking glass in the Building Name column, the select the filter criteria of "Contains". Finally, type 3 in the field just below the column's heading. The result will show only the units that are in that building. To get back to the unfiltered list, just select "Reset" from the filter criteria.
- To group your data by a specific column, click on the column header of your choice and drag it to the area above the grid.

Specifc Actions can be done from the Unit grid, by clicking the three dots (...) to the left of the unit number, under the "Actions" column header (Figure 15):

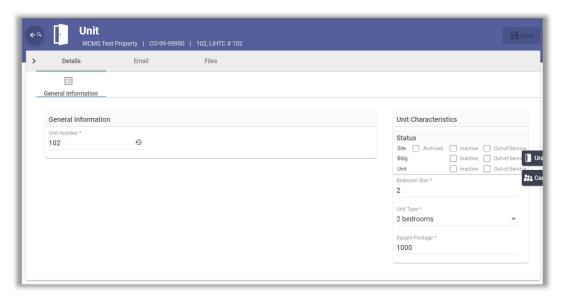
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Figure 15

- Edit Used to edit the Bedroom Size, Unit Type, or unit Square Footage. (page 14, Figure 16)
- Cert Actions Allows you to select a certification action of either "Create Certification" or "Modify Current Certification", based upon the action that is appropriate for that unit. This will be covered in the Tenant Page Features section. (page 14, Figure 17)

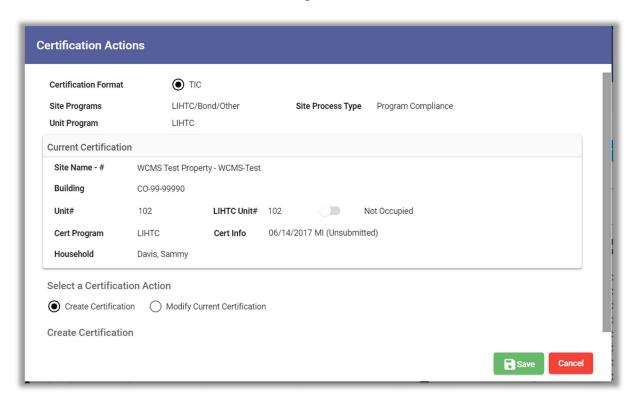
Edit:

Figure 16



Cert Actions:

Figure 17



Reports tab:

Currently, there are no reports available under the Unit's Reports tab.

Tenant Page Features

To navigate to the Tenant page, you can either click "Tenant" from the left-navigation menu or select a tenant certification from the tree icon. Selecting a tenant certification from the Tree icon will open the certification in "Edit" mode.



To select a Tenant certification from the tree icon, first click the "carrots" to the left of the Site name, building number, and unit number to expand the view. Then, click on the desired Tenant Certification to select it (Figure 18)

Figure 18



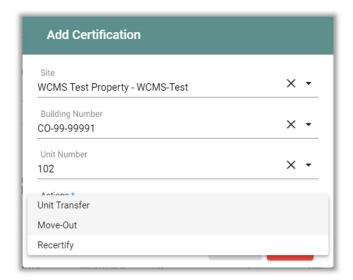
Adding a Tenant Certification:

To add a new certification to the specific unit, click the blue "+ Certification" at the top, right of the Tenant page.

+ Certification

Depending upon the status of the unit (occupied vs. unoccupied) and the previous certification type, the system will provide a drop-down list of appropriate Actions in the "Add Certification" window (Figure 19):

Figure 19



The tenant page has three tabs at the top: Search, Reports and XML Tenant Upload.

Search tab:

When navigating to the Tenant screen, the Search tab is the default view. Users can do a simple search from this screen, filtering any search results by "Current MF Tenants" (default), "All" tenants, or "Current S8 Tenants".

For more robust searching, you can click on the blue Advanced Search button and enter other criteria (Figure 20), such as:

- Program (HUD MF or LIHTC)
- BIN
- Building Name
- Site Number
- Site Process Type
- Site Programs

Once you have entered the appropriate criteria, click the looking glass icon.



Tenant + Certification Reports XML Tenant Upload Certs Filter from to Site Name O All 4/9/2021 4/9/2019 Select. Current MF Tenants Ourrent S8 Tenants First Name Last Name Unit Number Advanced Search A BIN **Building Name** Site Number Site Process Type O HUD MF O LIHTC Select... Site Programs ☐ Display Archived Sites Select...

Figure 20

Upon clicking the looking glass icon, the system will provide a list of matching tenants in a grid (Figure 21). Use the grid in the following ways to edit the way you view the data:

- Click on column headers to sort by specific columns. For instance, clicking on the Last Name heading will sort the search results in ascending or descending last name order.
- Click on the Column Chooser icon to open that window, then drag column headers there that are not needed.
- Click on the Export all data icon to export the search results to Excel.
- Just below the header row, you will see a smaller looking glass at the top of each column . You can this icon to filter your data as you want. For instance:
 - Hover your mouse over the looking glass to select the filter criteria
 - Once you have selected the filter criteria, type in the field to the right of the looking glass. For example, if I only wanted to see "AR" cert types, I would select the filter criteria of "Contains", then type AR in the field just below the Cert Types heading. The result will show only the tenants who had an AR.
- To group your data by a specific column, click on the column header of your choice and drag it to the area above the grid.

Specific actions can be done from the tenant grid, by clicking the three dots (...) to the left of the tenant name, under the Actions column header (Figure 21):

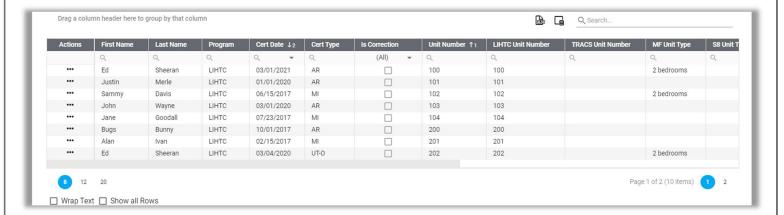


Figure 21

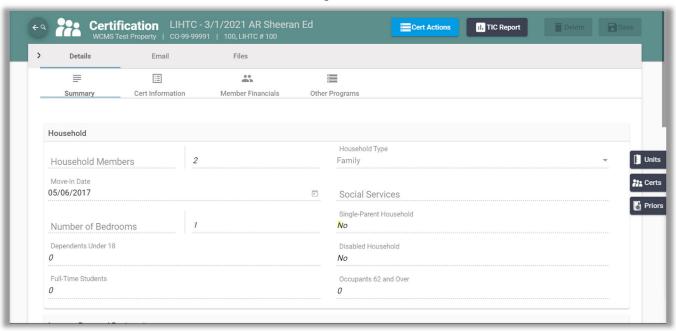
- Edit Opens the current certification record (page 18, Figure 22)
- Cert Actions Allows you to select a certification action of either "Create Certification" or "Modify Current Certification", based upon the action that is appropriate for that unit. (pages 18-19, Figures 23 and 24)



If a certification was entered for a unit but not submitted, the "Create Certification" will not be available. Instead, the "Modify Current Certification" will offer the option of either "Submit" or "Delete". Similarly, if the last cert was submitted, the system will offer the option to "Create Certification" and provide certification types that are appropriate, or "Modify Current Certification" to correct or unsubmit the cert.

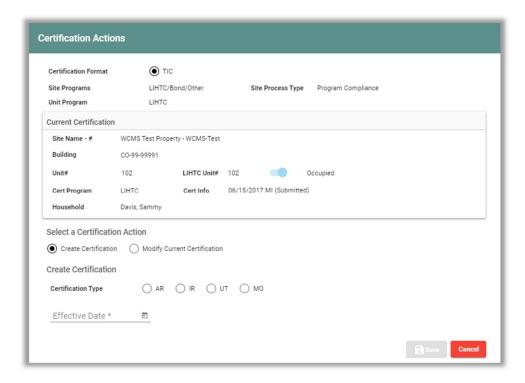
Edit:

Figure 22



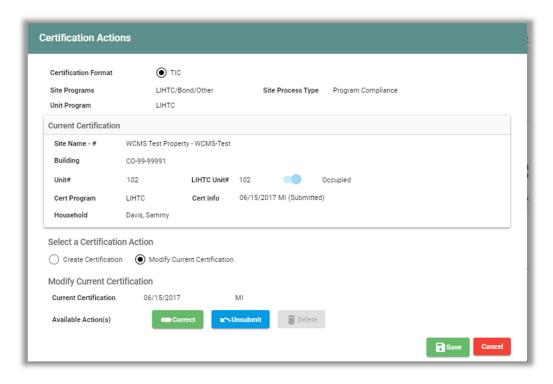
Cert Actions – Create Certification:

Figure 23



Cert Actions – Modify Current Certification:

Figure 24

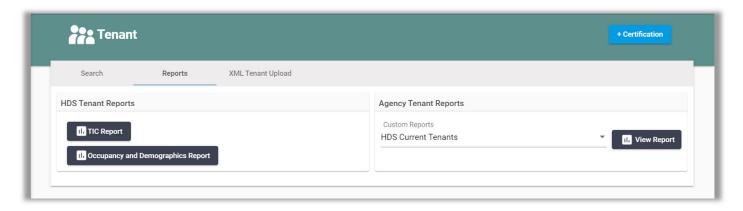


Reports tab:

Under the Tenant screen's Reports tab (Figure 25), you will find the following reports:

- TIC Report (Tenant and Income Certification Report)
- Occupancy and Demographics Report

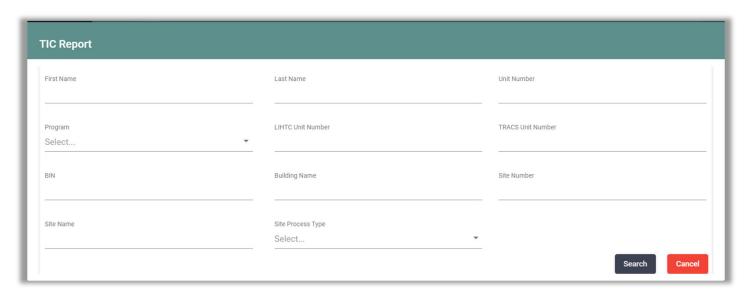
Figure 25



TIC Report:

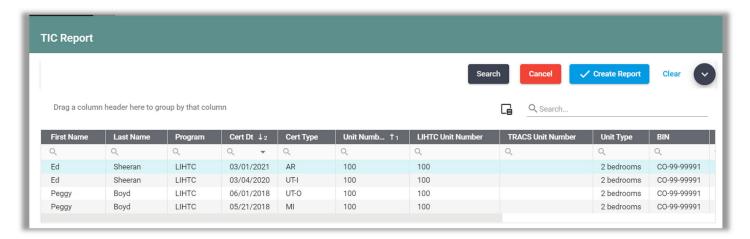
To run a tenant and income certification (TIC) report from the Reports tab, first click the TIC Report icon (see page 19, Figure 25). The system will then require you to enter one or more pieces of data to search for a specific tenant, then click "Search" (Figure 26).

Figure 26



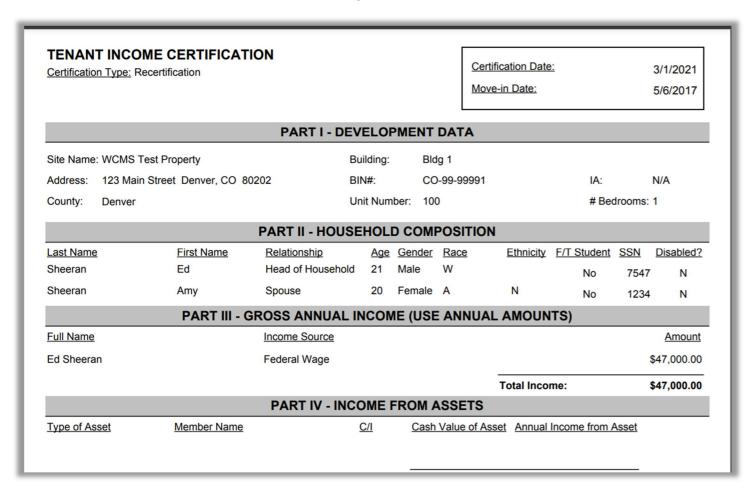
From the search results grid, click on the tenant certification for which you wish to create a TIC report, then click the blue "Create Report" button (Figure 27).

Figure 27



The TIC will open in a new browser tab (Figure 28):

Figure 28



Occupancy and Demographics Report:

To run an Occupancy and Demographics report, first click the Occupancy and Demographics Report icon from the Tenant Reports tab (see page 19, Figure 25). The system will then require you to select the site and indicate whether you want to see "All" tenants for that site, or only "Current Tenants". Once you have made your selections, click Run. (Figure 29). For info on how to filter and export the Occupancy and Demographics report, please go to page 51.

Figure 29



XML Tenant Upload tab

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Currently, this feature is available with:

- Yardi
- Real Page's OneSite
- HAB, Inc.
- Boston Post



The new NextGen system currently accepts versions 5.0 and 6.0 only. WCMS users who were uploading files to WCMS may need to contact their property software's technical support if your product is an older version and only supports NAHMA versions 3.1 or 4.0.

Once you have determined that your property software allows you the ability to create the NAHMA XML file in version 5.0 or 6.0, there may be a few last things to consider before you attempt to upload a file:

- Has CHFA provided you the special permissions to upload your XML tenant file? If not, please contact Peggy Boyd at <u>pboyd@chfainfo.com</u>.
- Have you set up your property software to include CHFA's property number and are your BIN and Unit numbers formatted exactly as they appear in NextGen?
- In your property's software, have you entered all the activity for each tenant for the month of which you are uploading data?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, you are ready to navigate to the Tenant screen's XML Tenant Upload tab. From here, you will select the site for which you are uploading data, then click the blue "Select XML File" button to browse for your file. Once the file is attached, click the Upload File button (Figure 30).

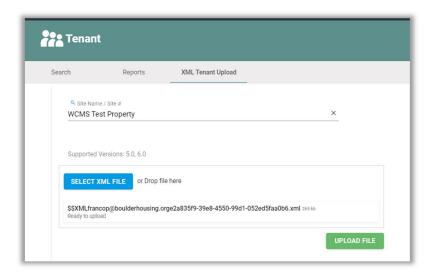


Figure 30

Manually Entering a Tenant Certification

For those of you who do not have the ability to upload your tenant data, you will be responsible for manually entering all your monthly tenant activity into NextGen. CHFA requires that all certifications for the previous month be entered into the system monthly, preferably by the 10th of the following month but no later than the end of the month. This includes:

- All new move-in certifications
- Annual re-certifications
- Unit Transfers
- Interim Certifications (only required when adding an adult to the household prior to the next annual recert)
- Move out certifications
- Initial Certifications (only used if a property has gone through substantial rehabilitation or if your property has a market-rate tenant who now qualifies for the low-income program)

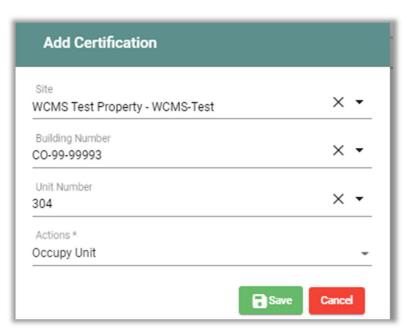
If your property uses one of the software products mentioned on page 22, it is highly recommended that if your that you speak with your software's technical support to get set up to create the tenant upload file. Uploading this XML file into NextGen is much quicker and more efficient and may prevent errors in the data entered. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Boyd at CHFA at pboyd@chfainfo.com.

The instructions on the following pages provide the "best practices" for manually entering your tenant data. It is recommended that you follow these steps closely for each certification.

To enter a new Move-in:

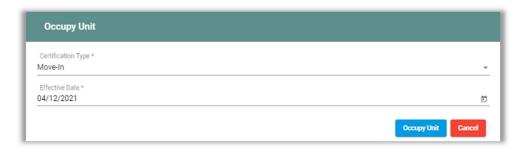
- 1. Navigate to the Tenant screen, using the left-navigation menu.
- 2. Click on the blue "+ Certification" button in the upper right-hand portion of the screen.
- + Certification
- 3. Select the Site, Building Number and Unit Number for which the new move-in record will be entered. (Figure 31)
- 4. Once the unit number is selected, select an "Action" from the drop-down list.
 - If you are entering a new Move-in and "Occupy Unit" is not an option, you will need to go back to the unit's most recent certification and ensure that a move-out or unit transfer-out is entered <u>and</u> submitted for the previous household.
- 5. Click "Save".

Figure 31



6. Once the "Occupy Unit" window opens, select "Move-in" from the "Certification Type" drop-down and enter the date that the tenant moved into the property ("Effective Date"). Click the blue "Occupy Unit" button (Figure 32).

Figure 32

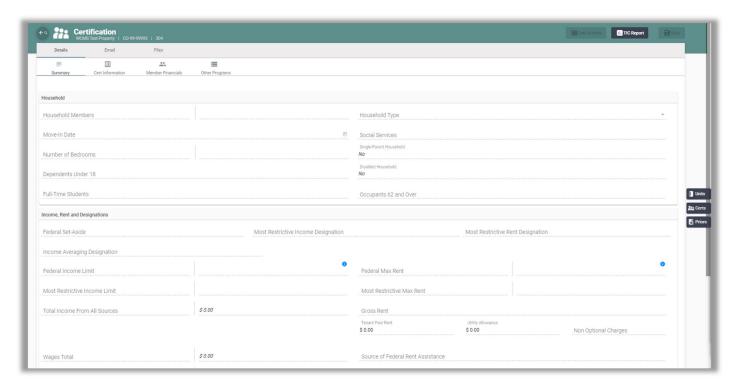


Upon clicking the "Occupy Unit" button, NextGen will open a blank Certification window in the Summary view (Figure 33).



Please note that no data is entered on the Summary screen; this screen will eventually summarize all the data entered in the Cert Information and Member Financials screens.

Figure 33



- 7. Click on the Cert Information screen to start entering the details of your new Move-in, making sure to enter data into the following fields. Any fields that are not mentioned below should be skipped.
- For ease of entering data, it is recommended that you use your "tab" key to move from one field to the next.

Certification Information Section

- Self-certification: Yes or No
- Original Effective Date: Should match the move-in Effective Date
- Household Type: Select the type which best matches the tenant's household
- Employment Type: Select the type which best matches the head of household's employment
- Unit Type: Select from EMP (employee), LI (low-income), or MKT (Market)
- Utility Type: Select the best option depending on whether your household has a utility allowance
- Single-Parent Household: Yes or No
- All Student Household: Yes or No
- Student Use Code: Used for Student households

Recent Income Certification Details

- Effective Date of Most Recent Income Certification: This is populated when income is not certified, For example, a self-certification
- Household Size at Most Recent Income Certification: This is populated when income is not certified, For example, a self-certification

Qualification Details (only required if property has low-income housing tax credits/LIHTC)

- LIHTC Qualification Date: Enter the same date as move-in effective date.
- Household Income at Most Recent Qualification Date: Total income for the household
- Household Size at Most Recent Qualification Date: Total number of occupants in the household

Income, Rent and Designations

- Most Restrictive Income*: Select the proper AMI% from the drop-down as designated for the household
- Most Restrictive Rent*: Select the proper AMI% from the drop-down, should match the previous field
- Income Averaging Designation: Only used for properties who selected Income Averaging upon allocation
- Federal Income Limit: Automatically calculated by the system
- Most Restrictive LIHTC Income Limit: The most restrictive rental set-aside percentage currently applied
 to the household. This value may be the same as or less than the Federal Income Designation amount.
 The values are populated from the Unit Type reference table in the Windows application
- Annual Income: Total income for the household
- Federal Rent Limit: Automatically calculated by the system
- Most Restrictive LIHTC Rent: The most restrictive rental set-aside percentage currently applied to the household. This value may be the same as or less than the Federal Income Designation amount. The values are populated from the Unit Type reference table in the Windows application
- Tenant Rent: The portion of the rent that the tenant is responsible for paying, per month
- Utility Allowance: Utility Allowance Amount, if applicable
- Non-Optional Charges: The amount of non-optional charges, such as mandatory garage rent, storage lockers, charges for services provided by the development

Assistance (may be skipped if household does not receive any source of rental assistance)

- Sources of Federal Rent Assistance: Select the most-appropriate option, if applicable
- Federal Rent Assistance Amount: Enter the amount of Federal Rent Assistance received, if applicable
- Source of Other Non-Federal Rent Assistance: Enter source of assistance, if applicable (e.g. Church)
- Other Non-Federal Rent Assistance Amount: Enter the amount of non-federal assistance received, if applicable
- Total Monthly Rent Assistance: Enter the total amount of monthly assistance received, if applicable

Certification Totals

- Wages Total: The sum of income types B = Business, F = Federal Wage, M = Military Wage, and W = Non-Federal Wage
- Social Sec Total: The sum of income types PE = Pensions, SI = Supplemental Security Income, and SS = Social Security
- Public Assist Total: The sum of income types T = TANF (Formerly AFDC) and G = General Assistance
- Other Total: The sum of income types CS = Child Support, I = Indian Trust, N = Other Non-Wage Source, and U = Unemployment
- Asset Cash Value Total: Enter the total cash value of assets, if applicable
- Annual Asset Income Total: If income is earned from assets, enter total annual income from assets
- 8. Click on the Member Financials screen to start entering your household members, making sure to enter data into the following fields. Any fields that are not mentioned below should be skipped.
- For ease of entering data, it is recommended that you use your "tab" key to move from one field to the next.

New Member's Details

Click the blue "+" to add a household member (it is recommended that you begin with the Head of Household)





Any field with an asterisk (*) next to it is a required field:

- First Name*
- Middle Name
- Last Name*
- Relationship*: Select from drop-down the appropriate relationship, ensuring that each household has one Head of Household
- Last 4 SSN*
- Alien Registration Number: If applicable; be sure to include the "A" at the beginning of the number
- Races*: Select from drop-down
- Birth Date*: If an unborn child will be part of the household, enter the expected due date
- Marital Status: Select from drop-down
- Ethnicity: Select all choices from drop-down
- Gender*: Select from drop-down
- Special Status: Be sure to indicate if member is disabled, elderly, a joint custody parent, or Student
- Disabled: Missing, No, Tenant Declined to Respond, or Yes
- LIHTC Student: Required if this is a LIHTC household and the member is a student
- Occupation*: Select from drop-down
- Source of Income*: Select from drop-down

Once all information is entered, click the blue "Add to Member List" button.

Add to Member List



Repeat for all members of the household and then continue to the Income and Assets section of the Member Financials screen.

Click the green "Save" button in the top, right-hand portion of the screen before continuing.



9. Just below the household member's details, you will see three areas: Income, Assets, and Deductions. For the remaining instructions, click on the section indicated and then enter data into the fields indicated.

<u>Income</u>

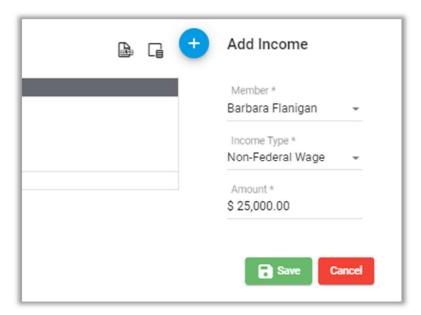
To get started, first click the blue "+" on the bottom right portion of the screen, just above the grid (Figure 34).

Figure 34



To the right of the Income grid, you will see new data entry fields appear. If you cannot see the fields, you may need to decrease your browser window's zoom or move the scroll bar to the right. (Figure 35)

Figure 35



• Select the appropriate household Member* and Income Type* from the drop-downs, then enter the annual income. Click the green "Save" button when finished.

Assets

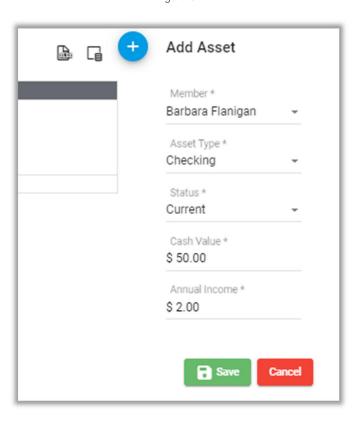
To enter the household's Assets, click the blue "+" on the bottom right portion of the screen, just above the grid (Figure 36).

Figure 36



To the right of the Asset grid, you will see new data entry fields appear. If you cannot see the fields, you may need to decrease your browser window's zoom or move the scroll bar to the right. (Figure 37)

Figure 37

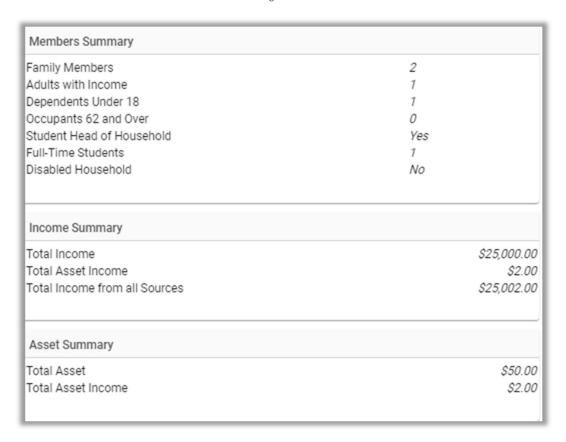


• Select the appropriate household Member*, Asset Type*, and Status* from the drop-down options, then enter the Cash Value* and Annual Income* from the assets. Click the green "Save" button when finished.



10. Before leaving the Member Financials screen, be sure to view the Members Summary, Income Summary and Asset Summary sections (Figure 38):

Figure 38

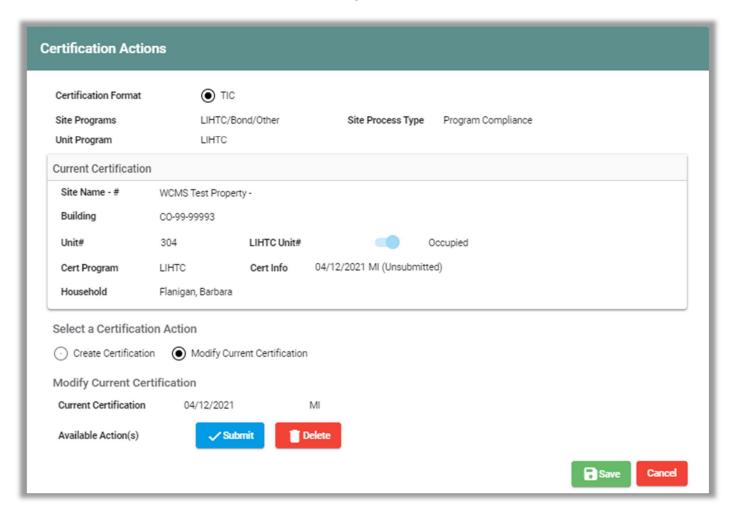




BEST PRACTICE: Before continuing, it is recommended that you navigate back to the "Cert Information" screen and double-check all your entries before submitting your certification (next step).

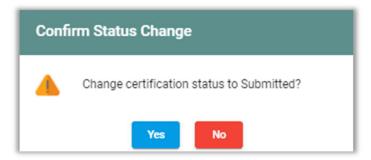
- 11. Once you have entered your move-in and verified all your household member, income and asset data, you must Submit your certification. DO NOT FORGET THIS STEP, as it will prevent you from entering any subsequent certification data for this household.
 - Click the blue "Cert Actions" button at the top portion of the certification screen.
 - A new "Certification Actions" window will appear (page 31, Figure 39) and you will notice that the "Cert Info" field will show the cert as "Unsubmitted").
 - Click the "Modify Current Certification" radio button, then click the blue "Submit" button.
 - If you are not yet ready to submit the cert, you can choose "Cancel" or you can "Delete" the cert.

Figure 39



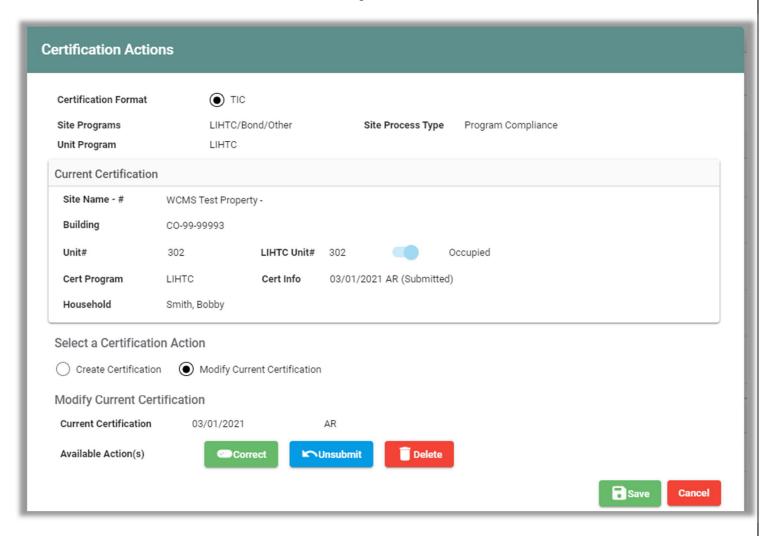
- Upon clicking "Submit" the system will confirm whether you wish to change the certification status to Submitted (Figure 40). Click "Yes" or "No".
- Similarly, if you choose to Delete the certification, the system will confirm whether you want to delete.

Figure 40



12. Once you have submitted your new Move-in record, you will see that the system now provides you new actions, Correct, Unsubmit, or Delete (Figure 41). If you do not wish to perform any of these actions, simply click the green "Save" button.

Figure 41





BEST PRACTICE: Often times, we find that it is necessary to make changes to a certification that has been entered into the system. Please use the following "best practices" for using the certification actions of Unsubmit (then editing a record) or Correct:

Unsubmit:

- Used to "unlock" a certification that has already been entered/submitted to edit the record to fix an error of data that was recently entered, such as:
 - 1. The wrong effective date or move-in date was entered for a household
 - 2. Rent, income or assets were entered incorrectly
 - 3. The name of a member was misspelled
 - 4. The SSN or Date of Birth was entered incorrectly
- Can also be used to "unlock" a certification, so the record can be deleted.

Correct:

Used when the tenant notifies you of a correction to their household data after it has already been entered into the system.

Delete:

A record should only be deleted under the following circumstances:

- 1. The household certification was entered into the wrong unit.
- 2. A household who had already been recertified has moved out of the property, prior to the date of the recertification.

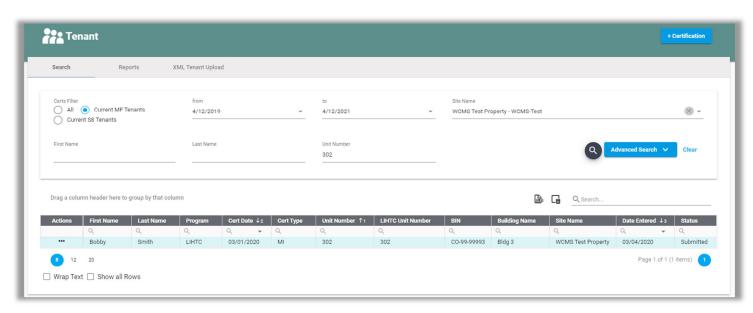
CHFA can run audit reports on all data that has been altered. Using the Unsubmit certification action to edit or delete a record that has been entered should <u>only</u> be done within the same month that the record was entered into the system. Contact your CHFA Program Compliance officer for guidance on altering any data that was entered in prior months. Abuse of this functionality may result in the loss of access to the NextGen system.

Manually Entering a Tenant Certification: ANNUAL or INTERIM RECERTIFICATIONS

To enter a new Annual or Interim Recertification:

- 1. Enter search criteria into the Tenant screen to pull up the tenant certs for a specific Site Name and Unit Number (Figure 42). Be sure that your search is filtered to show "Current MF Tenants".
- 2. Under the search results grid, scroll right to the Status column to ensure that the prior certification is "Submitted".
 - If so, continue to step #3.
 - If not, you will first need click the three dots under the Actions column and select "Cert Actions", then "Modify Current Certification" and then click "Submit" and "Save". Then, continue to step #3.

Figure 42



- 3. In the Tenant search results grid, click the three dots "..." under the Action column header.
- 4. Select "Cert Actions".
- 5. On the Certification Actions screen, click the "Create Certification" radio button. (page 35, Figure 43)
- 6. Select the appropriate "Certification Type" (AR or IR)
- 7. Enter the Effective Date.
 - For annual recertifications, the date should be the 1st day of the month that the household moved into the property. The move-in date appears on the Certification Actions screen for reference.



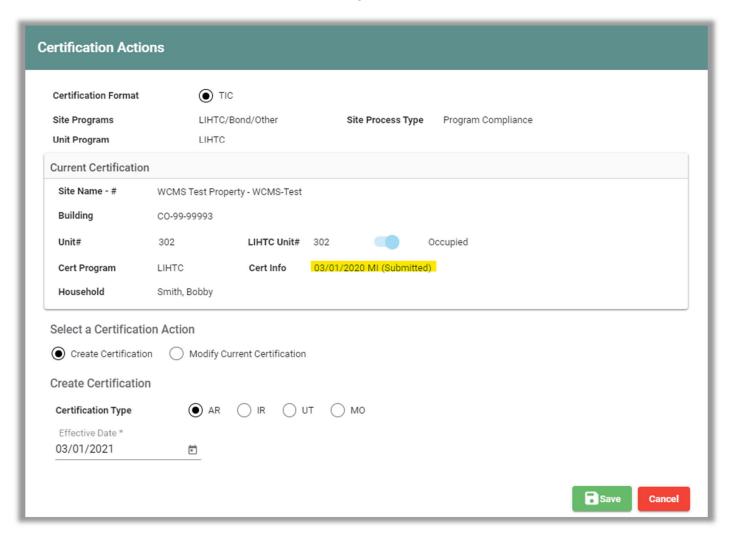
BEST PRACTICE: Before continuing, verify all the information on your Certification Actions screen.

8. Click the green "Save" button.



Manually Entering a Tenant Certification: ANNUAL or INTERIM RECERTIFICATIONS (continued)

Figure 43



- 9. The system will then create your new certification record. It is recommended that you review the Summary screen first, to note which fields will need updating with your new certification, paying close attention to the # of occupants, tenant rent, income and assets.
- 10. Click on the Cert Information screen and click the "Effective Date" field. Tab through all the fields and update information, as necessary. Refer to pages 26 27 for entry details.
- 11. If any edits need to be made to the household members or their income and assets, click on the Member Financials screen. Refer to pages 27 30 for entry details.

Click the green "Save" button in the top, right-hand portion of the screen before continuing.



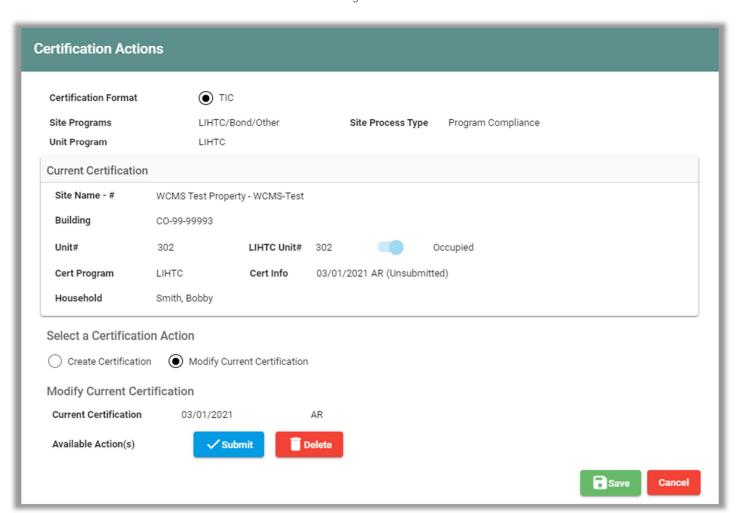
Manually Entering a Tenant Certification: ANNUAL or INTERIM RECERTIFICATIONS (continued)



BEST PRACTICE: Before continuing, it is recommended that you navigate back to the "Cert Information" screen and double-check all your entries before submitting your certification (next step).

- 12. Once you have entered your annual or interim recert and verified all your household member, income and asset data, you must Submit your certification. DO NOT FORGET THIS STEP, as it will prevent you from entering any subsequent certification data for this household.
 - Click the blue "Cert Actions" button at the top portion of the certification screen.
- Cert Actions
- A new "Certification Actions" window will appear (see Figure 44; you will notice that the "Cert Info" field will show the cert as "Unsubmitted").
- Click the "Modify Current Certification" radio button, then click the blue "Submit" button.
 - If you are not yet ready to submit the cert, you can choose "Cancel" or you can "Delete" the cert.

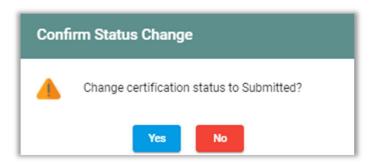
Figure 44



Manually Entering a Tenant Certification: ANNUAL or INTERIM RECERTIFICATIONS (continued)

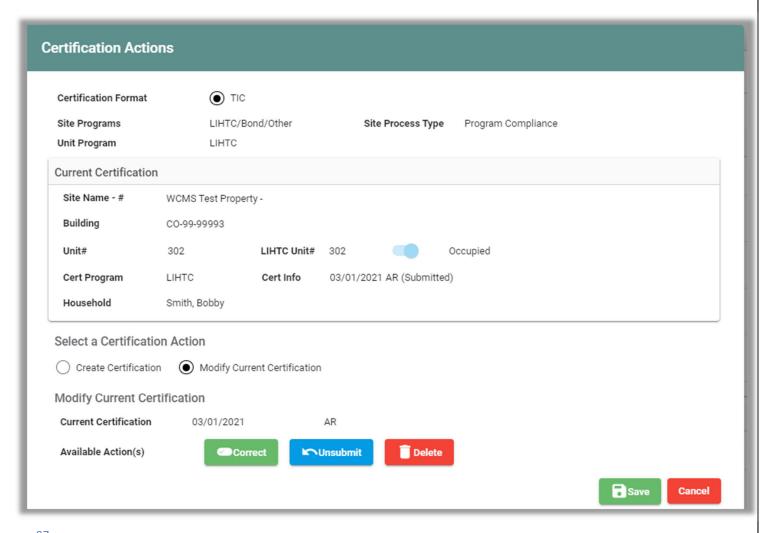
- Upon clicking "Submit" the system will confirm that you wish to change the certification status to Submitted (Figure 45).
- Similarly, if you choose to Delete the certification, the system will confirm that you want to delete.

Figure 45



13. Once you have submitted your new certification, you will see that the system now provides you new actions, Correct, Unsubmit, or Delete (Figure 46). If you do not wish to perform any of these actions, simply click the green "Save" button.

Figure 46



Manually Entering a Tenant Certification: ANNUAL or INTERIM RECERTIFICATIONS (continued)



BEST PRACTICE: Often times, we find that it is necessary to make changes to a certification that has been entered into the system. Please use the following "best practices" for using the certification actions of Unsubmit (then editing a record) or Correct:

Unsubmit:

- Used to "unlock" a certification that has already been entered/submitted to edit the record to fix an error that was recently made during entry, such as:
 - 1. The wrong effective date or move-in date was entered for a household
 - 2. Rent, income or assets were entered incorrectly
 - 3. The name of a member was misspelled
 - 4. The SSN or Date of Birth was entered incorrectly
- Can also be used to "unlock" a certification, so the record can be deleted.

Correct:

Used when the tenant notifies you of a correction to their household data after it has already been entered into the system.

Delete:

A record should only be deleted under the following circumstances:

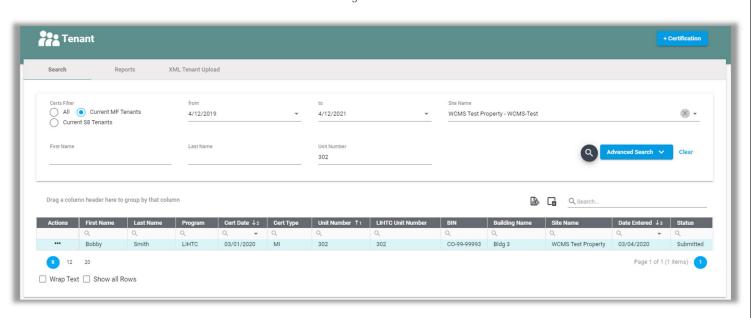
- 1. The household certification was entered into the wrong unit.
- 2. A household who had already been recertified has moved out of the property, prior to the date of the recertification.

CHFA can run audit reports on all data that has been altered. Using the Unsubmit certification action to edit or delete a record that has been entered should <u>only</u> be done within the same month that the record was entered into the system. Contact your CHFA Program Compliance officer for guidance on altering any data that was entered in prior months. Abuse of this functionality may result in the loss of access to the NextGen system.

To enter a new Unit Transfer:

- 1. Enter search criteria into the Tenant screen to pull up the tenant certs for a specific Site Name and Unit Number (Figure 47). Be sure that your search is filtered to show "Current MF Tenants".
- 2. Under the search results grid, scroll right to the Status column to ensure that the prior certification is "Submitted".
 - If so, continue to step #3.
 - If not, you will first need click the three dots under the Actions column and select "Cert Actions", then "Modify Current Certification" and then click "Submit" and "Save". Then, continue to step #3.

Figure 47



- 3. In the Tenant search results grid, click the three dots "..." under the Action column header.
- 4. Select "Cert Actions".
- 5. On the Certification Actions screen, click the "Create Certification" radio button. (page 40, Figure 48)
- 6. Select the appropriate "Certification Type" (UT)
- 7. Enter the "Effective Date" and select a BIN/Unit number in the "Transfer To"
 - Make sure that the unit your tenant is transferring to is vacant before starting your Unit Transfer.
 - The Unit Transfer Out and the Unit Transfer In dates will be the same in NextGen.
 - NextGen does not allow for "unit swaps" completed on the same day. Contact Peggy Boyd at <u>pboyd@chfainfo.com</u> for more information on how to handle a unit swap.

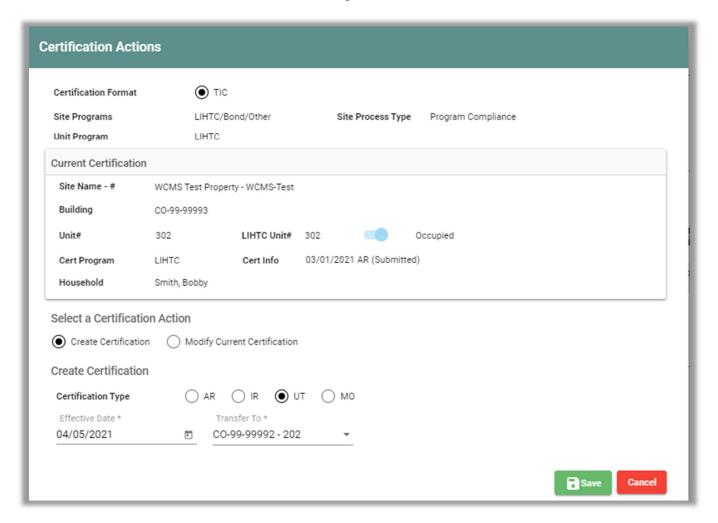


BEST PRACTICE: Before continuing, verify all the information on your Certification Actions screen.

8. Click the green "Save" button.



Figure 48



- 9. The system will then create your new certification record. It is recommended that you view the Summary screen first, to note which fields will need updating with your new certification, paying close attention to the # of occupants, tenant rent, income and assets.
- 10. Click on the Cert Information screen and click the "Effective Date" field. Tab through all the fields and update information, as necessary. Refer to pages 26 27 for entry details.
- 11. If any edits need to be made to the household members or their income and assets, click on the Member Financials screen. Refer to pages 27 30 for entry details.

Click the green "Save" button in the top, right-hand portion of the screen before continuing.



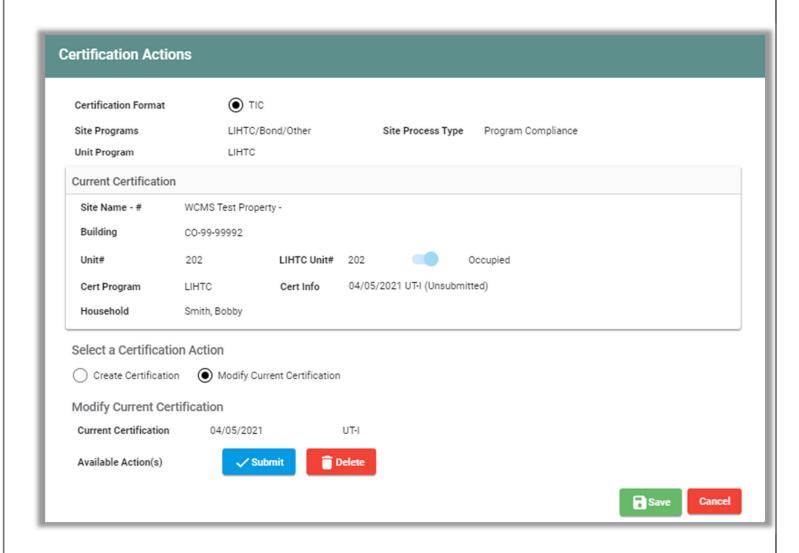


BEST PRACTICE: Before continuing, it is recommended that you navigate back to the "Cert Information" screen and double-check all your entries before submitting your certification (next step).

- 12. Once you have entered your unit transfer and verified all your household member, income and asset data, you must Submit your certification. DO NOT FORGET THIS STEP, as it will prevent you from entering any subsequent certification data for this household.
 - Click the blue "Cert Actions" button at the top portion of the certification screen.
 - A new "Certification Actions" window will appear (Figure 49) and you will notice that the "Cert Info" field will show the cert as "Unsubmitted").
 - Click the "Modify Current Certification" radio button, then click the blue "Submit" button.
 - If you are not yet ready to submit the cert, you can choose "Cancel" or you can "Delete" the cert.

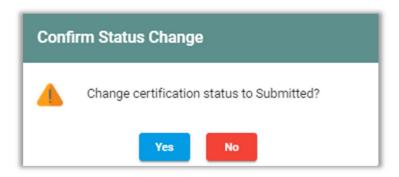
Cert Actions

Figure 49



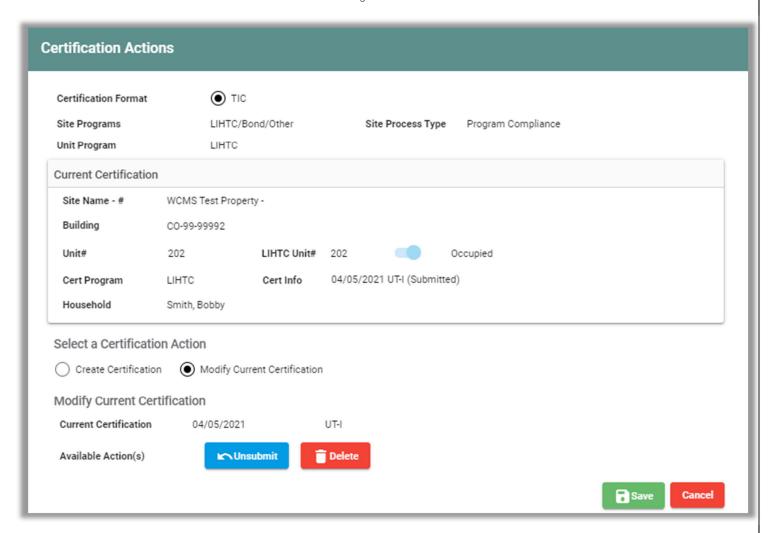
- Upon clicking "Submit" the system will confirm that you wish to change the certification status to Submitted (Figure 50).
- Similarly, if you choose to Delete the certification, the system will confirm that you want to delete.

Figure 50



13. Once you have submitted your new certification, you will see that the system now provides you new actions, Unsubmit or Delete (Figure 51). If you do not wish to perform either of these actions, simply click the green "Save" button.

Figure 51





BEST PRACTICE: Often times, we find that it is necessary to make changes to a certification that has been entered into the system. Please use the following "best practices" for using the certification actions of Unsubmit (then editing a record) or Delete:

Unsubmit:

- Used to "unlock" a certification that has already been entered/submitted to edit the record to fix an error that was recently made during entry, such as:
 - 1. The wrong effective date or move-in date was entered for a household
 - 2. Rent, income or assets were entered incorrectly
 - 3. The name of a member was misspelled
 - 4. The SSN or Date of Birth was entered incorrectly
- Can also be used to "unlock" a certification, so the record can be deleted.

Delete:

A record should only be deleted under the following circumstances:

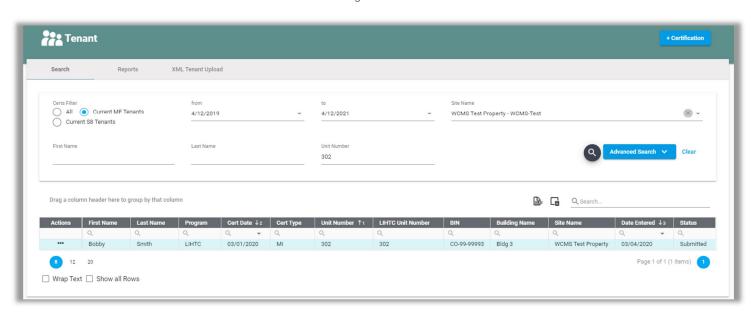
- 1. The household certification was entered into the wrong unit.
- 2. A household who had already been recertified has moved out of the property, prior to the date of the recertification.
- CHFA can run audit reports on all data that has been altered. Using the Unsubmit certification action to edit or delete a record that has been entered should <u>only</u> be done within the same month that the record was entered into the system. Contact your CHFA Program Compliance officer for guidance on altering any data that was entered in prior months. Abuse of this functionality may result in the loss of access to the NextGen system.

Manually Entering a Tenant Certification: MOVE-OUTS

To enter a Move Out certification:

- 1. Enter search criteria into the Tenant screen to pull up the tenant certs for a specific Site Name and Unit Number (Figure 52). Be sure that your search is filtered to show "Current MF Tenants".
- 2. Under the search results grid, scroll right to the Status column to ensure that the prior certification is "Submitted".
 - If so, continue to step #3.
 - If not, you will first need click the three dots under the Actions column and select "Cert Actions", then "Modify Current Certification" and then click "Submit" and "Save". Then, continue to step #3.

Figure 52



- 3. In the Tenant search results grid, click the three dots "..." under the Action column header.
- 4. Select "Cert Actions".
- 5. On the Certification Actions screen, click the "Create Certification" radio button. (page 45, Figure 53)
- 6. Select the appropriate "Certification Type" (MO)
 - Enter the "Effective Date*" of the move-out



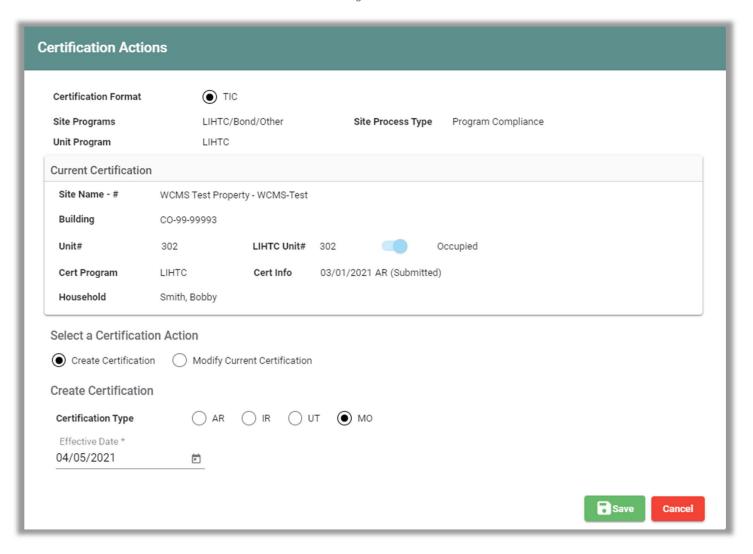
BEST PRACTICE: Before continuing, verify all the information on your Certification Actions screen.

7. Click the green "Save" button.



Manually Entering a Tenant Certification: MOVE-OUTS (continued)

Figure 53



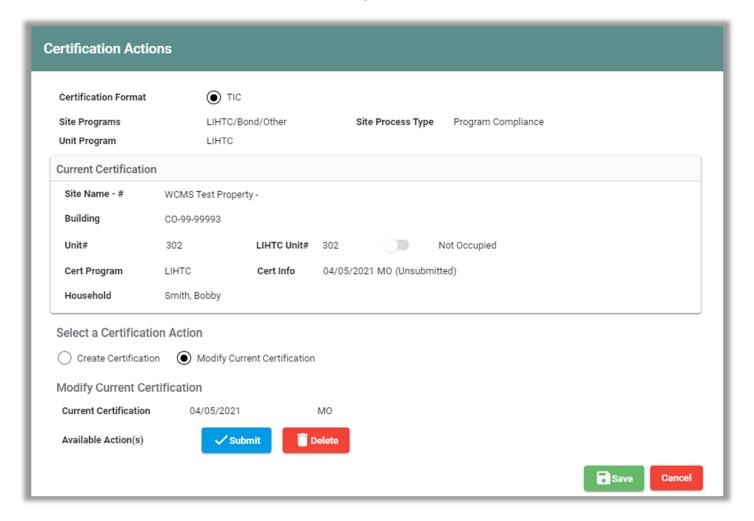
- 8. Once you have entered your move out, you must Submit your certification. DO NOT FORGET THIS STEP, as it will prevent you from entering any subsequent certification data for this household.
 - Click the blue "Cert Actions" button at the top portion of the certification screen.
 - A new "Certification Actions" window will appear (page 46, Figure 54) and you will notice that the "Cert Info" field will show the cert as "Unsubmitted").



- Click the "Modify Current Certification" radio button, then click the blue "Submit" button.
 - If you are not yet ready to submit the cert, you can choose "Cancel" or you can "Delete" the cert.

Manually Entering a Tenant Certification: MOVE-OUTS (continued)

Figure 54



Manually Entering a Tenant Certification: MOVE OUTS (continued)



BEST PRACTICE: Often times, we find that it is necessary to make changes to a certification that has been entered into the system. Please use the following "best practices" for using the certification actions of Unsubmit (then editing a record) or Delete:

Unsubmit:

- Used to "unlock" a certification that has already been entered/submitted to edit the record to fix an error that was recently made during entry, such as:
 - 1. The wrong effective date or move-in date was entered for a household
 - 2. Rent, income or assets were entered incorrectly
 - 3. The name of a member was misspelled
 - 4. The SSN or Date of Birth was entered incorrectly
- Can also be used to "unlock" a certification, so the record can be deleted.

Delete:

A record should only be deleted under the following circumstances:

- 1. The household certification was entered into the wrong unit.
- 2. A household who had already been recertified has moved out of the property, prior to the date of the recertification.
- CHFA can run audit reports on all data that has been altered. Using the Unsubmit certification action to edit or delete a record that has been entered should <u>only</u> be done within the same month that the record was entered into the system. Contact your CHFA Program Compliance officer for guidance on altering any data that was entered in prior months. Abuse of this functionality may result in the loss of access to the NextGen system.

NextGen: ADDITIONAL TOOLS

Additional navigational tools (from Unit screen):

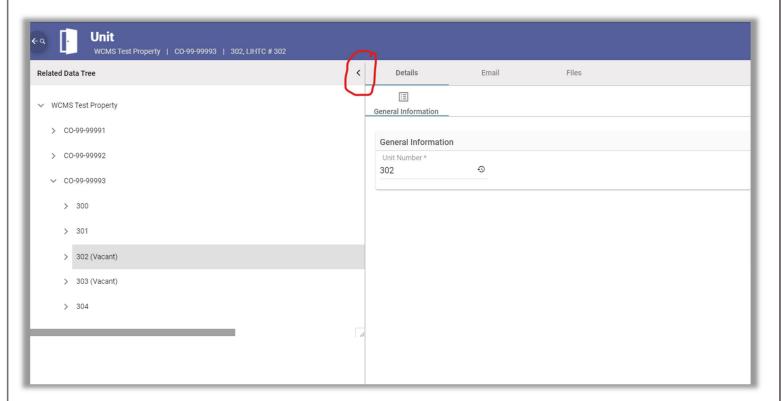
- 1. Navigate to the Unit screen using the left-navigation menu.
- 2. Do a search, entering a site and/or unit number.
- 3. From the Search results grid, click the three dots (...) under the Actions column, and select "Edit".
- 4. On the right-hand side of the screen, you will see Units and Certs (Figure 55).
 - Click on the Units option to see a list of other units in the same building
 - Click on the Certs option to see a list of all the certifications entered for that unit.

Figure 55



5. Additionally, from this same location you can view a "tree view" of the site's building, unit and tenant data to the left of the Unit window by clicking the "carrot" to the left of the "Details" tab (Figure 56).

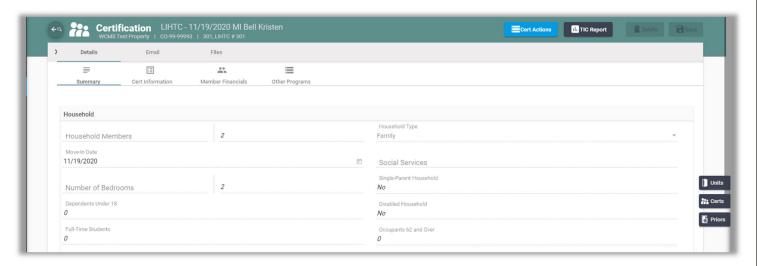
Figure 56



Additional navigational tools (from the Tenant screen):

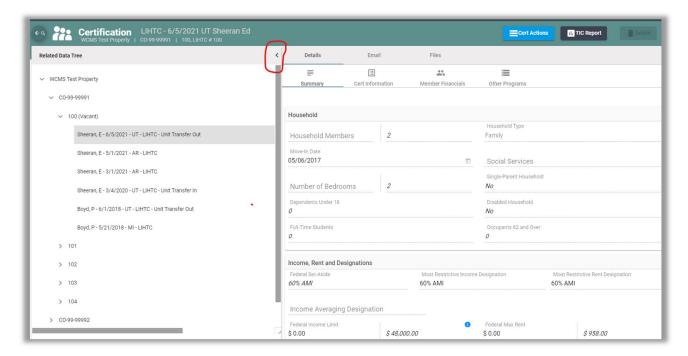
- 1. Navigate to the Tenant screen using the left-navigation menu.
- 2. Do a search, entering a site and/or unit number.
- 3. From the Search results grid, click the three dots (...) under the Actions column, and select "Edit".
- 4. On the right-hand side of the screen, you will see Units, Certs, and Priors (Figure 57).
 - Click on the Units option to see a list of other units in the same building
 - Click on the Certs option to see a list of all the certifications entered for that unit.
 - Click on the Priors option to see a list of any prior iterations of the recent certification (if the cert has been corrected).

Figure 57



6. Additionally, from this same location you can view a "tree view" of the site's building, unit and tenant data to the left of the Tenant window by clicking the "carrot" to the left of the "Details" tab (Figure 58).

Figure 58

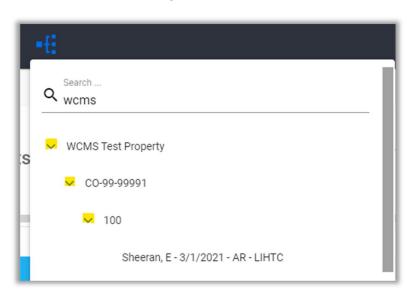


Creating a TIC report from a certification:

Navigate to any certification, from either the tree icon (preferred), or the left-navigation menu.

• To select a Tenant certification from the tree icon, first click the "carrots" to the left of the Site name, building number, and unit number to expand the view. Then, click on the desired Tenant Certification to select it (Figure 59):

Figure 59



• If using the left-navigation menu, do a search, entering a site and/or unit number. Then, from the Search results grid, click the three dots (...) under the Actions column, and select "Edit".

Click the TIC Report icon (Figure 60)



Figure 60



Advanced Occupancy and Demographics Report Functions

Like the other grids throughout the NextGen system, the Occupancy and Demographics report in NextGen can be sorted, filtered, exported and more. (page 52, Figure 61)

- To sort by a specific column, click the column heading
- Columns can be dragged to other positions, as necessary. Additionally, you can open the Column Chooser by clicking the icon then dragging unneeded columns or dragging columns back into your grid.



 Report data can be exported to Excel (recommended) to view the results more easily, by clicking the Export All Data icon.



- Users can filter report results in several ways:
 - i. Clicking the upside-down triangle next to the column header, then selecting the appropriate option.
 - ii. Typing row below the column header, next to the looking glass icon. For date fields, there is also an option to select a specific date by clicking the down-arrow in the same field.
 - iii. Clicking "Create Filter" below the report results. This opens the "Filter Builder" window (page 52, Figure 62):
 - 1. Click the "+" to start a new filter, leaving "And" as the default if all the filter criteria must be met. Clicking the "+" allows you to add a new filter Condition (recommended) or Group.
 - 2. Click the "+" to start a new filter, but changing "And" to "Or", if only one element of the filter criteria must be met. Clicking the "+" allows you to add a new filter Condition (recommended) or Group.
 - 3. Clicking on each of the colored values:
 - a. Site: Clicking here will allow you to change the value to one of the other fields on the report, such as Cert Date.
 - b. Contains: Clicking here will allow you to change the criteria of how you wish to filter the data. For instance, if you selected "Cert Date" for the field, the value can be change to "Is Between".
 - c. <enter a value>: This is where you will enter the desired value for your filter. For the above example, you may type in '01/01/2021' to '12/31/2021' to filter your data to show all Cert Dates that fall between January 1 to December 31.

Figure 61

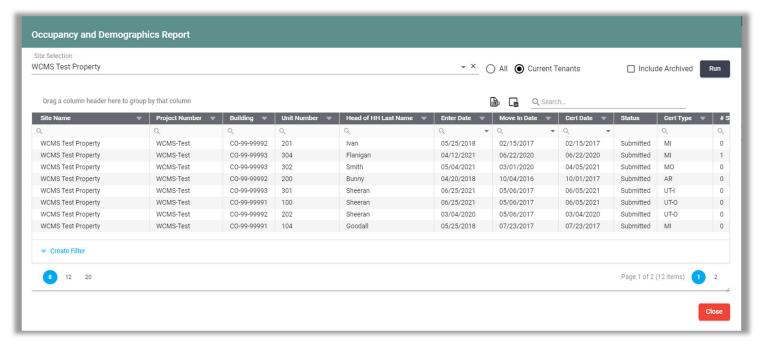


Figure 62

