

2015 COMMITTEE NOTE

Official Form 101A, *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You*, and Official Form 101B, *Statement About Payment of an Eviction Judgment Against You*, are new forms promulgated as part of the Forms Modernization Project. They replace the “*Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property*” section on Official Form 1, *Voluntary Petition*. The forms apply only in cases of individual debtors.

Official Form 101A explains that debtors need to complete and file the form only if their landlord has a judgment for possession or an eviction judgment against them and they rent their residence. The form further explains that if the debtor wishes to stay in their residence for 30 days after filing their bankruptcy petition, the certification must be completed. The form adds references to the provisions in the Bankruptcy Code that specify when debtor-tenants subject to eviction may remain in their residence after filing for bankruptcy.

The form eliminates the checkboxes that the debtor has served the landlord with the certification and paid the court the rent that would be due during the 30 days after the filing of the bankruptcy petition. Instead, debtors are required to certify under penalty of perjury that the rent has been paid to the court, and the instructions direct debtors to serve a copy of the statement on the landlord.

The form eliminates the checkbox that the debtor claims there are circumstances under applicable nonbankruptcy law under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession (or eviction judgment) and remain in residence. Instead, debtors are required to certify under penalty of perjury that they have the right to stay in their residence under state law or other nonbankruptcy law by paying their landlord the entire delinquent amount.

Official Form 101B is new. If debtors wish to stay in their residence for more than 30 days after filing the petition, they must complete, file, and serve the form within 30 days after the petition is filed. Under Official Form 101B, debtors certify under penalty of perjury that they have the right to stay in their residence under state law or other nonbankruptcy law by paying their landlord the entire delinquent amount and that they have paid their landlord the entire amount owed as stated in the judgment for possession or in the eviction judgment.