



How to Appeal a FEMA benefit denial

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You have a right to
appeal FEMA's
decision to deny
your benefits - but
you must appeal
within 60 days of
the denial.



Every time FEMA makes a decision you don't agree with, you have a right to appeal. In your appeal, you tell FEMA why you disagree with them, and FEMA will review their decision.

Usually, FEMA appeals are done by **writing a letter** to FEMA and **providing supporting documents**.



Tips for writing a good FEMA Appeal letter

- 1 **Review** FEMA's Decision
- 2 **Be specific** - explain exactly what you are appealing
- 3 **Label** every page of your appeal
- 4 **Use supporting documents**
- 5 **Get legal help** if you need it!



ONE

Review FEMA's Decision

Read FEMA's complete denial notice. If FEMA doesn't tell you why they made a decision, you can request an explanation. You can also request to review your entire FEMA file.



TWO

Be Specific

Figure out exactly what you are appealing and why - make sure you include this in your appeal letter. If your appeal is supported by laws or regulations, include them in your appeal. FEMA's Individual Assistance Program Policy Guide is a good place to look for FEMA's rules and policies.



THREE

Label every page of your appeal

Make sure to put your **FEMA registration number, name, disaster declaration number** (Mawar's number is DR-4715-GUAM), and **last 4 digits of your SSN** on **every single page** of your appeal and supporting documents. FEMA gets most appeals by fax, so your appeal could get mixed in with other appeals



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Provide Supporting Documents

Use supporting documents to support your appeal. These can include affidavits, declarations, power bills, photos, and more. If FEMA explicitly says your application was missing a document, make sure to provide that document!



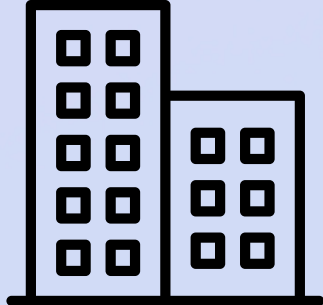
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Get Legal Help

You have a right to be **represented by a lawyer** in your appeal. Micronesian Legal Services Corporation provides free representation for FEMA appeals. If you want to be represented, or if you have questions about your FEMA appeal, you can call us at (671) 969-5504/5604/5704



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