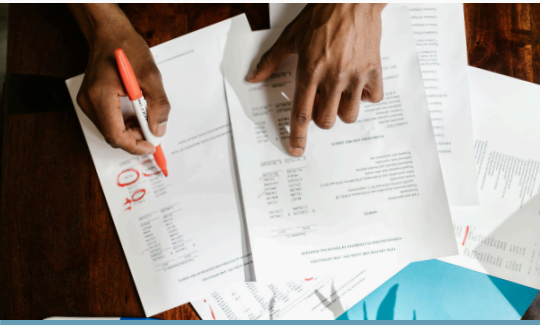


# 7 Common Tenant Application Mistakes

## – And How to Fix Them

*Avoid Delays in Your Application. Improve Your Chances of Approval*

### Incomplete Documents



📁 Why it hurts: Incomplete files may delay the review process.

✅ Fix: Submit your government ID, proof of income, and credit report together.

💬 Pro Tip: Use a free credit report site & organize your docs early.

### Not Checking Credit in Advance

📁 Why it hurts: Credit surprises can make your application harder to assess.

✅ Fix: Review your credit in advance and be prepared to explain anything unusual.

💬 Pro Tip: You can include a short note about any past issues to provide context.



### Leaving Blanks or Vague Info



📁 Why it hurts: Incomplete forms slow things down and can create unnecessary confusion.

✅ Fix: Fill out every field clearly – even if it's "N/A."

💬 Pro Tip: Treat your application like a professional resume.

### Unstable or Unverifiable Income

📁 Why it hurts: Makes it harder for landlords to assess financial reliability.

✅ Fix: Include job letters, pay stubs, or recent invoices.

💬 Pro Tip: Self-employed? Include a CRA Notice of Assessment or other proof of income.



### No Rental History or Weak References



📁 Why it hurts: Lack of history can leave questions about reliability.

✅ Fix: Offer personal, employer, or academic references.

💬 Pro Tip: If you're new to renting, a guarantor or co-signer can strengthen your application.

### Not Following Up

📁 Why it hurts: You may miss a chance to clarify or stand out.

✅ Fix: Send a polite follow-up or thank-you after applying.

💬 Pro Tip: Keep it simple – just reaffirm interest and gratitude.



### Applying Beyond Your Budget



📁 Why it hurts: Applications are often screened for affordability based on income.

✅ Fix: Aim for units where your income is 3x the rent or provide alternate sources like housing support.

💬 Pro Tip: If using rental subsidies, include proof of support to clarify your situation.

*Avoid the most common pitfalls – and apply with clarity, confidence, and a complete application.*