

## CERTIFICATION

To: Board of Listers *or* Assessor  
From: Robin Castine, Multifamily Operations Analyst  
Issue Date: March 15, 2024  
Re: Property Tax Valuation; Qualified Rental Units (Act 68) Certification

This is in regard to:

- Property Name: **Blake Commons**
- Owned by: Blake Commons HLP
- Managed by: Champlain Housing Trust
- Location: 8 Blake Street
- Town/City: Swanton
- Parcel or account number: BL0020.0028
- School Property Account Number (SPAN): 639-201-10087
- Percent of the building that is residential: 100%
- Number of qualified rent restricted units: 14
- Total number of units: 16

The land and building associated with this SPAN number is entitled to a reduction of **8.75%** of the assessed value for purposes of calculating the state educational tax. Due to these rental restrictions, this certification is valid through transfer of the building, upon expiration of the rent restriction, or **6/30/2034** whichever first occurs.

This calculation is computed as: the number of qualified rent restricted units divided by the total number of units multiplied by the percent of the building that is residential and then divided by 10.

For example:  
$$((14 / 16) \times 100\%) / 10 = 8.75$$

Once this certification expires, a representative of the housing project must re-apply to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) by **2/28/2034** for re-certification if there are still rent restricted units eligible for this re-assessment.

### Important

**This certification letter has only been provided to you. The town/city has not received notice of this certification. You must submit this certification to the proper town/city office for a reduction in the project's assessment. If you fail to bring a copy of this original letter to the town/city office by April 1, 2024 or this housing project will not be eligible for the reduction.**

If there are any questions, please email us at [act68@vhfa.org](mailto:act68@vhfa.org)

**From:** [Act68](#)  
**To:** [josie.curtin@champlainhousingtrust.org](mailto:josie.curtin@champlainhousingtrust.org)  
**Subject:** Blake Commons - Education Grand List Value Reduction  
**Date:** Friday, March 15, 2024 2:02:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [BlakeCommCert2024.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please find the Blake Commons - certificate for eligibility for a reduction on their Education Grand List Value Reduction. Please be sure to send this to the proper town/city assessor's office prior to 4/1/2024 or Blake Commons - will not be eligible for the reduction.

CHT has 55 properties in total – this is 8 of 55. Thank you and feel free to reach out with any questions.

Regards,

Robin

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