# Instructions for Submitting an Application for Reimbursement for a Charter School Lease (PDE-419) Using PDE's CFRS System

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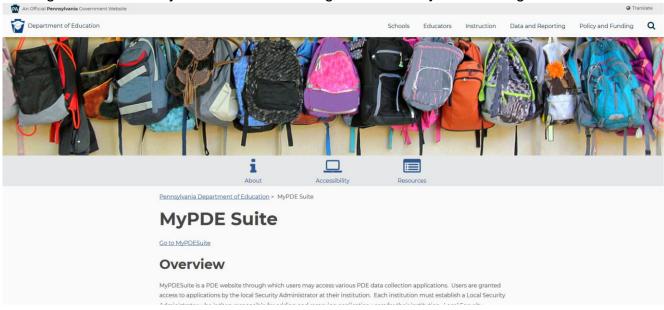
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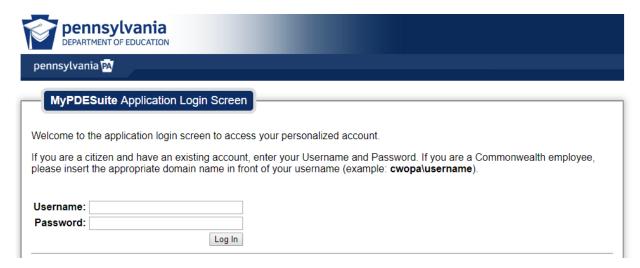
Introduction: The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has developed a new online application for submitting PDE-419s (Application for Reimbursement of Charter School lease) through the Consolidated Financial Reporting System (CFRS). The PDE-418 is used by charter schools to apply to the Charter School Facility Lease Reimbursement Program. After PDE approves the PDE-418 (Application for Approval of Charter School Lease Reimbursement Program) form, the charter school will be advised of the permanent reimbursable percent on the lease. PDE's approval and the charter school's actual payment of the lease rental is required to order to complete the PDE-419 Application for Reimbursement for Charter School Lease form. Please note: Charter schools should submit one PDE-419 for the entire fiscal year.

For more information on CFRS, including information and how-to guides related to registration for and access to CFRS, go to https://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/School%20Finances/Pages/Consolidated-Financial-Reporting-System.aspx

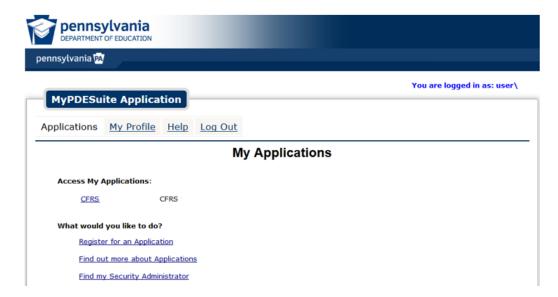
**Accessing MyPDE Suite:** To submit a PDE-419 application through the CFRS, begin by going go to MyPDE Suite at <a href="https://www.education.pa.gov/Pages/MyPDE-Suite.aspx">https://www.education.pa.gov/Pages/MyPDE-Suite.aspx</a> and clicking on the 'Go to MyPDESuite' link. Doing this will take you to the login screen.



## Enter your Username and Password.



Accessing CFRS: Once logged-in to MyPDESuite, click on the CFRS link to continue.



**Accessing the PDE-419 Application Module:** The next screen is the CFRS Home Page. It gives users the option of selecting a document type. Choose the PDE-418/419 option "Charter School Lease Reimbursement Program."



This will automatically take the user to the PDE-418 Application Module page. To get to the PDE-419 Application Module page, click on PDE-419 from the left-hand side menu.



**Creating a New PDE-419:** A charter school may only file a PDE-419 after it has made a lease payment. To create a new PDE-419, users should begin by clicking the "Create New" button



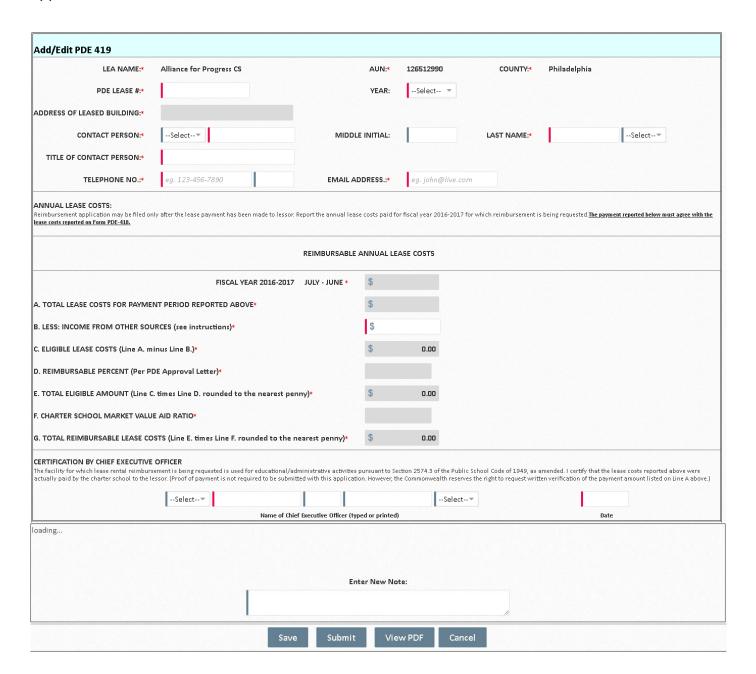
Next a data entry page will appear (see screen shot on the next page). Required fields on this page are marked with a red asterisk. For a definition of each line on this data entry page, please reference the "Appendix" section on page 9. Please note that Line B, "LESS INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES," is where the charter school can report other sources of revenue that are used to offset the total lease cost paid to the lessor. For example, building insurance income and income from the sublease of space to another entity.

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**Saving the PDE-419** - At any time the user may save the PDE-419 submission by clicking on the "Save" button on the bottom of the form.

**Submitting a PDE-419 for Reimbursement:** Once all the data is entered, the user should click on the "Submit" button. This step will transfer the reimbursement request to PDE.

PDE staff will review the submitted PDE-419 and either approve or return it. The returned PDE-419 will show up when the user searches for existing PDE-419s (see below "Searching for Existing PDE-419s). In addition, an e-mail will be sent to the LEA contact alerting them that the application has been returned.



**Searching for an Existing PDE-419:** To find a specific PDE-419, users may search by either Lease Number or Unipay Date from the CFRS charter school landing page. Once the user enters either of those two pieces of data into the field provided and clicks the "Search" button, a list of scheduled payments will appear as shown in the screen shot below.



**Fiscal Year** – The Commonwealth fiscal year in which the charter school's payment is made.

**Lease Number** – The Division of School Facilities assigns this number in the approval for the PDE-418 "Application for Charter School Lease Reimbursement Program" form.

**Lease Building Address** – The street name, city, state, and zip code for the location of the leased building.

**Total Scheduled Payment** – The Gross Annual Lease Costs, Line A from PDE-418.

**Scheduled Payment Date** – The date reimbursement is eligible to be paid.

**Payment Date** – Indicates the date the reimbursement was actually paid to the charter school. This data will populate once the payment information has been imported into the Financial Accounting Information (FAI) System.

**Status** – Refers to the state of the scheduled payment in the CFRS system. The PDE-419 can either be in started, submitted, returned or approved status.

**Action** – Refers to what the LEA can view or edit on the PDE-419.

## **Appendix**

**LEA NAME -** The official name of the charter school as approved in the charter.

**ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT NUMBER (AUN) -** The nine-digit number assigned by the Department of Education to the charter school for identification purposes.

**COUNTY -** Name of the county in which the administrative office of the charter school is located.

**PDE LEASE # -** Staff in the Division of School Facilities assign this number when they approve the PDE-418 "Application for Charter School Lease Reimbursement Program" form.

**YEAR -** The Commonwealth fiscal year in which the charter school's payment was made.

**ADDRESS OF LEASED BUILDING -** The street name, city, state, and zip code for the location of the leased building. This field will pre-populate once the PDE Lease # is entered.

**CONTACT PERSON -** The name of the person knowledgeable about the information contained in the application, the lease, and the lease rental payments.

**TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON -** The job title of the contact person.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER -** The telephone number of the contact person

**EMAIL ADDRESS -** The email address of the contact person.

# **Reimbursable Annual Lease Costs**

**FISCAL YEAR JULY - JUNE -** The amount of the gross annual lease payment for the appropriate fiscal year. This field will populate automatically from the PDE-418 after the PDE Lease Number has been entered.

- **A. TOTAL LEASE COSTS FOR PAYMENT PERIOD REPORTED ABOVE -** The total amount that was paid during the July 1 to June 30 reporting period. This field will populate automatically after the PDE Lease Number has been entered.
- **B. LESS: INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES –** In this field, the charter school can report other sources of revenue that are used to offset the total lease cost paid to the lessor. For example, building insurance income and income from the sublease of space to another entity.
- **C. ELIGIBLE LEASE COSTS –** Data entry sheet automatically calculates Total Lease Costs for Payment Period (Line A) **minus** Income from Other Sources (Line B).

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- **D. REIMBURSABLE PERCENT -** The permanent reimbursable percent provided by the Division of School Facilities as part of its approval of the PDE-418 "Application for Charter School Lease Reimbursement Program." This field will populate automatically.
- **E. TOTAL ELIGIBLE AMOUNT –** This line on the data entry form automatically calculates the Eligible Lease Costs (Line C) **multiplied** by Reimbursable Percent (Line D). Rounded to the nearest penny.
- **F. CHARTER SCHOOL MARKET VALUE AID RATIO –** This field will populate automatically with the PDE-assigned charter school's market value aid ratio.
- **G. TOTAL REIMBURSABLE LEASE COSTS –** This line automatically calculates the Eligible Amount (Line E) **multiplied** by Charter School Market Value Aid Ratio (Line F). This amount is what the charter school will be reimbursed.

**CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER -** The Chief Executive Officer must enter his or her name and date this section. This signature certifies that the lease costs reported were actually paid by the charter school to the lessor.

**RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS -** Appropriate documentation must be maintained for review by the Auditor General's Office to support the charter school's submission of the PDE-419 Form.