

Section 8 Project-Based Voucher Program
Statement of Family Responsibility

Privacy Act Statement. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect the information required on this form by Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f). Collection of family members' name and address is mandatory. The information is used to certify the members of the family participating in the Section 8 project-based voucher program and the family's awareness of their family responsibilities under the program. HUD may disclose this information to Federal, State and local agencies when relevant to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigations and prosecutions. It will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. Failure to provide any of the information may result in delay or rejection of family eligibility approval.

1. Certification. The undersigned public housing agency (PHA) hereby certifies that the family consisting of the following members:

is eligible to participate in the Section 8 project-based voucher program of this PHA and is approved to occupy a unit at:

Under this program, the PHA makes housing assistance payments to owners for units leased and occupied by participating families.

2. Tenant Rent. The tenant rent is the portion of the monthly rent to owner paid by the family, and is based on the family's income, composition, and expenses. The PHA determines the tenant rent in accordance with HUD requirements.

3. Changes in Tenant Rent. A family's tenant rent may change because of changes in program requirements or changes in family income, composition, or expenses. Any change in a family's tenant rent will be effective on the date stated in a notice by the PHA to the family and owner.

4. PHA Housing Assistance Payment. The monthly housing assistance payment by the PHA to the owner for a unit leased by a family is the rent to owner minus the tenant rent (total tenant payment minus any applicable utility allowance). The family is not responsible for payment of the portion of the rent to owner covered by the housing assistance payment.

5. Family Right to Move.

(A) The family may terminate its lease at any time after the first year of occupancy. The family must give the owner advance written notice of intent to vacate (with a copy to the PHA) in accordance with the lease. If the family elects to terminate the lease in this manner, the PHA must offer the family the opportunity for continued tenant-based rental assistance in accordance with HUD requirements.

(B) Before providing notice to terminate the lease under paragraph (A), the family must first contact the PHA to request tenant-based rental assistance if the family wishes to move with continued assistance. If tenant-based rental assistance is not immediately available upon lease termination, the PHA must give the family priority to receive the next available opportunity for continued tenant-based rental assistance.

Any change in a family's tenant rent will be effective on the date stated in a notice by the PHA to the family and owner.

6. PHA Housing Assistance Payment. The monthly housing assistance payment by the PHA to the owner for a unit leased by a family is the rent to owner minus the tenant rent (total tenant payment minus any applicable utility allowance). The family is not responsible for payment of the portion of the rent to owner covered by the housing assistance payment.

7. Family Right to Move.

(C) The family may terminate its lease at any time after the first year of occupancy. The family must give the owner advance written notice of intent to vacate (with a copy to the PHA) in accordance with the lease. If the family elects to terminate the lease in this manner, the PHA must offer the family the opportunity for continued tenant-based rental assistance in accordance with HUD requirements.

(D) Before providing notice to terminate the lease under paragraph (A), the family must first contact the PHA to request tenant-based rental assistance if the family wishes to move with continued assistance. If tenant-based rental assistance is not immediately available upon lease termination, the PHA must give the family priority to receive the next available opportunity for continued tenant-based rental assistance.

6. Family Obligations.

(A) Any family participating in the project-based voucher program of the undersigned PHA must follow the rules listed below in order to continue to receive housing assistance under the program. Any information the family supplies must be true and complete.

(B) Each family member must:

1. Supply any information that the PHA or HUD determines to be necessary for administration of the program, including submission of required evidence of citizenship or eligible immigration status.
2. Supply any information requested by the PHA or HUD for use in a regularly scheduled reexamination or interim reexamination of family income and composition.
3. Disclose and verify social security numbers and sign and submit consent forms for obtaining information.
4. Supply any information requested by the PHA to verify that the family is living in the unit or information related to family absence from the unit.
5. Promptly notify the PHA in writing when the family is away from the unit for an extended period of time in accordance with PHA policies.
6. Allow the PHA to inspect the unit at reasonable times and after reasonable notice.
7. Notify the PHA and the owner in writing before moving out of the unit or terminating the lease.

8. Use the assisted unit for residence by eligible family members. The unit must be the family's only residence.
9. Promptly notify the PHA in writing of the birth, adoption, or court-awarded custody of a child.
10. Request PHA written approval to add any other family member as an occupant of the unit.
11. Promptly notify the PHA in writing if any family member no longer lives in the unit.
12. Give the PHA a copy of any owner eviction notice.
13. Pay utility bills and provide and maintain any appliances that the owner is not required to provide under the lease.

(C) The family (including each family member) must not:

1. Own or have any interest in the unit.
2. Commit any serious or repeated violation of the lease.
3. Commit fraud, bribery or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with the program.
4. Engage in drug-related criminal activity or violent criminal activity or other criminal activity that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents and persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises.
5. Sublease or let the unit or assign the lease or transfer the unit.
6. Receive project-based voucher assistance while receiving another housing subsidy for the same unit or a different unit under any other Federal, State or local housing assistance program.
7. Damage the unit or premises (other than damage from ordinary wear and tear) or permit any guest to damage the unit or premises.
8. Receive project-based voucher assistance while residing in a unit owned by a parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sister or brother of any member of the family, unless the PHA has determined (and has notified the owner and the family of such determination) that approving rental of the unit, notwithstanding such relationship, would provide reasonable accommodation for a family member who is a person with disabilities.
9. Engage in abuse of alcohol in a way that threatens the health, safety or right of peaceful enjoyment of the other residents and persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises.

7. Termination of Assistance. The PHA may terminate housing assistance for any grounds authorized in accordance with HUD requirements, including family violation of any obligation under Section 6 of this Statement of Family Responsibility. In addition, if a family resides in a project-based voucher unit excepted from the 25 percent per-project cap on project-basing because of the family's participation in a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) or other supportive services program, and the family fails without good cause to complete its FSS contract of participation or supportive service requirement, the PHA shall terminate assistance in accordance with HUD requirements.

8. Illegal Discrimination. If the family has reason to believe that it has been discriminated against on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, or familial status, the family may file a housing discrimination complaint with any HUD office in person, by mail, or by telephone. The PHA will give the family information on how to fill out and file a complaint.

9. HUD Requirements. HUD requirements for the Section 8 project-based voucher program are issued by Headquarters as regulations, Federal Register notices, or other binding directives. The Statement of Family Responsibility shall be interpreted and implemented in accordance with HUD requirements.

KEEP THIS DOCUMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS

Family

Name of Family Representative: _____

Address, Telephone Number: _____

Signature of Family Representative, Date: _____

Public Housing Agency

Name of PHA: _____

Address, Telephone Number: _____

Signature of PHA Representative, Title, Date: _____