

Priority Codes for Public Housing

Need Based Preference

You may be considered for priorities N0, N1 or N4 only if you live or work in New York City

N--0 PRIORITY - City Agency Referrals

- Homeless families with children referred by the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS)
- Displaced by fire, vacate order or about to be displaced from a site to be used for a public housing development or other public improvement and referred by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). Families displaced must be referred to NYCHA within 270 days from date of displacement.
- Homeless applicants referred by the HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA)
- Applicants who are about to be discharged from Henry J. Carter Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility and who will become homeless or will be at risk of becoming homeless upon discharge and referred by the Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)
- Applicants referred by the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) under the Independent Living or Family Unification programs.

N--1 PRIORITY - Victims of Domestic Violence (VDV)

Applicants who have suffered serious or repeated abuse from a family member or a person with whom they had, or continue to have, an intimate relationship and as a result of the abuse the victim suffered actual physical injury or the threat of injury and the victim: (a) will continue to suffer abuse if he or she continues to live in current residence, or (b) has left the residence due to the

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abuse and is not living in standard permanent replacement housing. Victims of domestic violence will not be offered an apartment near the residence which they resided at the time of the abuse.

To qualify for this priority, the applicant must provide documentation. Please refer to documentation requirements on our web site.

N1 PRIORITY – Intimidated Witnesses (IW)

Applicants with a family member cooperating in a criminal investigation/prosecution, where a member of the household has been threatened by a defendant or by a person associated with a defendant. Intimidated Applicants will not be offered an apartment near the residence in which they resided at that time of the incident. To qualify for this priority, the applicant must be referred directly to the Housing Authority from the District Attorney's Office.

- **Certified Emergency Need Based Priority Wait List / Oldest Certification Date**

This chart provides the number of certified emergency priority ("N0" and "N1") and will be updated every three months on NYCHA's web site.

Applicants are offered apartments based on highest priority and oldest certification date. Therefore, "N0" priority applications will be offered apartments before "N1" priority applications.

- **Zip Code Exclusions**

When victims of domestic violence are determined eligible for placement to NYCHA public housing, some developments close to the neighborhood where the victim lived will not be offered. This page provides information to

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applicants of unsafe locations where NYCHA will not offer apartments.

The Zip Code Exclusion chart can be found on our web site.

How to use the chart: At left of chart, locate the zip code where you resided at the time of the abuse (“unsafe zip code”), to the right are all excluded zip codes. You will not be offered any developments located in the excluded zip codes. If you have more than one unsafe zip code, you will be excluded from the excluded zip codes for those areas as well.

N--4 PRIORITY -- Residing in Sub--Standard Conditions or Rent Hardship

Families who are homeless, involuntarily displaced, living in substandard housing, doubled-up or overcrowded in private housing, paying more than 50% of family gross income for rent, or legally doubled-up and overcrowded in NYCHA public housing.

Verification of these priorities will either be requested or confirmed during the eligibility processing of the application.

N--8 PRIORITY -- No Need--Based Preference

Families, who do not qualify for Need Based Preference and are not renting a New York City Housing Authority public housing or Section 8 apartment.

Families who do not live or work in New York City.

N--9 PRIORITY – Applicant or co-applicant who is the lessee or co-lessee at either a New York City Housing Authority public housing or Section 8 apartment.

WORKING FAMILY PREFERENCES

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You must live or work in NYC to qualify for working family priority.

W0 Priority

Homeless families with children referred by Department of Homeless Services (DHS) that meets definition of working family as described in W1 to W3.

W1 Priority

Family incomes ranging from 51% to 80% of the area median income

W2 Priority

Family incomes ranging from 31% to 50% of area median income

W3 Priority

Family incomes ranging from none up to 30% of area median income

W9 Priority

Applicant or co-applicant who is the lessee or co-lessee at either a New York City Housing Authority public housing or Section 8 apartment.

A “working family” shall mean: Where income is based on actual employment or if the head and spouse, or sole member, are age 62 or older or are receiving social security disability, supplemental security income disability benefits, or any other payments based on an individual’s inability to work.

NOTE: “Working families” who do not live or work in New York City will not be assigned any working family priority.

Your working priority will be determined based your family size and your family area median income (AMI), as indicated below:

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Family	W3 Priority	W2 Priority	W1 Priority
Size	0% to 30% of AMI	31% to 50% of AMI	51% to 80% of AMI
1	\$0 - \$19,050	\$19,051-\$31,750	\$31,751-\$50,750
2	\$0 - \$21,800	\$21,801-\$36,250	\$36,251-\$58,000
3	\$0 - \$24,500	\$24,501-\$40,800	\$40,801-\$65,250
4	\$0 - \$27,200	\$27,201-\$45,300	\$45,301-\$72,500
5	\$0 - \$29,400	\$29,401-\$48,950	\$48,951-\$78,300
6	\$0 - \$32,600	\$32,601-\$52,550	\$52,551-\$84,100
7	\$0 - \$36,750	\$36,751-\$56,200	\$56,201-\$89,900
8	\$0 - \$40,900	\$40,901-\$59,800	\$59,801-\$95,700
9	\$0 - \$45,050	\$45,051-\$63,400	\$63,401-\$101,500
10	\$0 - \$49,200	\$49,201-\$67,050	\$67,051-\$107,300