

# APPLYING FOR HUD HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

# THINK ABOUT THIS... IS FRAUD WORTH IT?

#### Do You Realize...

If you commit fraud to obtain assisted housing from HUD, you could be:

- Evicted from your apartment or house.
- Required to repay all overpaid rental assistance you received.
- **Fined** up to \$10,000.
- Imprisoned for up to five years.
- Prohibited from receiving future assistance.
- Subject to State and local government penalties.

#### Do You Know...

You are committing fraud if you sign a form knowing that you provided false or misleading information.

The information you provide on housing assistance application and recertification forms will be checked. The local housing agency, HUD, or the Office of Inspector General will check the income and asset information you provide with other Federal, State, or local governments and with private agencies. Certifying false information is fraud.

#### So Be Careful!

When you fill out your application and yearly recertification for assisted housing from HUD make sure your answers to the questions are accurate and honest. You <u>must</u> include:

All sources of income and changes in income you or any members of your household receive, such as wages, welfare payments, social security and veterans' benefits, pensions, retirement, etc.

Any money you receive on behalf of your children, such as child support, AFDC payments, social security for children, etc.

Any increase in income, such as wages from a new job or an expected pay raise or bonus.

All assets, such as bank accounts, savings bonds, certificates of deposit, stocks, real estate, etc., that are owned by you or any member of your household.

All income from assets, such as interest from savings and checking accounts, stock dividends, etc.

Any business or asset (your home) that you sold in the last two years at less than full value.

The names of everyone, adults or children, relatives and non-relatives, who are living with you and make up your household.

(Important Notice for Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Evacuees: HUD's reporting requirements may be temporarily waived or suspended because of your circumstances. Contact the local housing agency before you complete the housing assistance application.)

#### **Ask Questions**

If you don't understand something on the application or recertification forms, always ask questions. It's better to be safe than sorry.

#### Watch Out for Housing Assistance Scams!

- Don't pay money to have someone fill out housing assistance application and recertification forms for you.
- Don't pay money to move up on a waiting list.
- Don't pay for anything that is not covered by your lease.
- Get a receipt for any money you pay.
- Get a written explanation if you are required to pay for anything other than rent (maintenance or utility charges).

### **Report Fraud**

If you know of anyone who provided false information on a HUD housing assistance application or recertification or if anyone tells you to provide false information, report that person to the HUD Office of Inspector General Hotline. You can call the Hotline toll-free Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, at 1-800-347-3735. You can fax information to (202) 708-4829 or e-mail it to <a href="https://hotline@hudoig.gov">Hotline@hudoig.gov</a>. You can write the Hotline at:



HUD OIG Hotline, GFI 451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20410



Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb

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## "Think About This" Certification

I,	, have received an	d understand the "Think
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Consent: I consent to allow HUD or the HA to request and obtain income information from the sources listed on this form for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under HUD's assisted housing programs. I understand that HAs that receive income information under this consent form cannot use it to deny, reduce or terminate assistance without first independently verifying what the amount was, whether I actually had access to the funds and when the funds were received. In addition, I must be given an opportunity to contest those determinations.

This consent form expires 15 months after signed.

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Head of Household	Date	_	
Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household	30.0	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Spouse	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
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Privacy Act Notice. Authority: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19). The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543) requires applicants and participants to submit the Social Security Number of each household member who is six years old or older. Purpose: Your income and other information are being collected by HUD to determine your eligibility, the appropriate bedroom size, and the amount your family will pay toward rent and utilities. Other Uses: HUD uses your family income and other information to assist in managing and monitoring HUD-assisted housing programs, to protect the Government's financial interest, and to verify the accuracy of the information you provide. This information may be released to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant, and to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators and prosecutors. However, the information will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. Penalty: You must provide all of the information requested by the HA, including all Social Security Numbers you, and all other household members age six years and older, have and use. Giving the Social Security Numbers of all household members six years of age and older is mandatory, and not providing the Social Security Numbers will affect your eligibility. Failure to provide any of the requested information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

#### Penalties for Misusing this Consent:

HUD, the HA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, the HA or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form.

Use of the information collected based on the form HUD 9886 is restricted to the purposes cited on the form HUD 9886. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, aga the officer or employee of HUD, the HA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.

## Authorization for the Release of Information/ Privacy Act Notice

to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

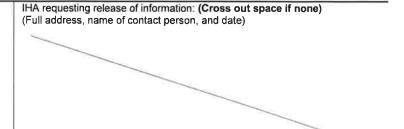
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 2501-0014

PHA requesting release of information; (Cross out space if none) (Full address, name of contact person, and date)

Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb 310 N 6th Street DeKalb, IL 60115

Kim R HCV Case Manager Tiffany O HCV Case Manager Susan C LIPH Case Manager

DATE



**Authority**: Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by Section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and Section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. This law is found at 42 U.S.C. 3544.

This law requires that you sign a consent form authorizing: (1) HUD and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA) to request verification of salary and wages from current or previous employers; (2) HUD and the HA to request wage and unemployment compensation claim information from the state agency responsible for keeping that information; (3) HUD to request certain tax return information from the U.S. Social Security Administration and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The law also requires independent verification of income information. Therefore, HUD or the HA may request information from financial institutions to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

**Purpose:** In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD and the above-named HA to request income information from the sources listed on the form. HUD and the HA need this information to verify your household's income, in order to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. HUD and the HA may participate in computer matching programs with these sources in order to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

Uses of Information to be Obtained: HUD is required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. HUD may disclose information (other than tax return information) for certain routine uses, such as to other government agencies for law enforcement purposes, to Federal agencies for employment suitability purposes and to HAs for the purpose of determining housing assistance. The HA is also required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with any applicable State privacy law. HUD and HA employees may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of the income information that is obtained based on the consent form. Private owners may not request or receive information authorized by this form.

Who Must Sign the Consent Form: Each member of your household who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the household or whenever members of the household become 18 years of age.

Persons who apply for or receive assistance under the following programs are required to sign this consent form:

PHA-owned rental public housing
Turnkey III Homeownership Opportunities
Mutual Help Homeownership Opportunity
Section 23 and 19(c) leased housing
Section 23 Housing Assistance Payments
HA-owned rental Indian housing
Section 8 Rental Certificate
Section 8 Rental Voucher
Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

Failure to Sign Consent Form: Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to the HA's grievance procedures and Section 8 informal hearing procedures.

#### Sources of Information To Be Obtained

State Wage Information Collection Agencies. (This consent is limited to wages and unemployment compensation I have received during period(s) within the last 5 years when I have received assisted housing benefits.)

U.S. Social Security Administration (HUD only) (This consent is limited to the wage and self employment information and payments of retirement income as referenced at Section 6103(l)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

U.S. Internal Revenue Service (HUD only) (This consent is limited to unearned income [i.e., interest and dividends].)

Information may also be obtained directly from: (a) current and former employers concerning salary and wages and (b) financial institutions concerning unearned income (i.e., interest and dividends). I understand that income information obtained from these sources will be used to verify information that I provide in determining eligibility for assisted housing programs and the level of benefits. Therefore, this consent form only authorizes release directly from employers and financial institutions of information regarding any period(s) within the last 5 years when I have received assisted housing benefits.



#### **Authorization for Release of Information**

Please Read Carefully

Form V. 2019 Updated August 2019

#### CONSENT

I authorize and direct any Federal, State, or local agency, organization, business or individual to release to the Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb [HACD] any information or materials needed to complete the determination of eligibility for housing assistance through the programs offered by HACD. I understand and agree that this authorization or the information obtained with its use may be given to and used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in administering and enforcing program rules and policies.

#### **INFORMATION COVERED**

I understand that, depending on the housing program policies and requirements, previous or current information regarding me or my household may be needed. Inquiries and verifications that may be requested include but are not limited to:

Identity and Marital Status Employment, Income and Assets Residences and Rental Activity/History Medical or Child Care Allowances Credit and Criminal Activity SNAP and TANF Eligibility

I understand that this Authorization cannot be used to obtain any information about me that is not pertinent to my eligibility for and continued participation in a housing assistance program. Information related to specific medical conditions will not be included.

#### AGENCIES, GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY BE ASKED

I understand that the agencies, groups and individuals that may be asked to release the above information include but are not limited to:

Previous and Present Landlords

Prospective Landlords Welfare Agencies

Courts and Post Offices

Banks and other Financial Institutions

Social Security Administration Law Enforcement Agencies

**Utility Companies** 

**Public Housing Agencies** 

Government or Social Service Agency

IDHS or HFS

Past and Present Employers Veteran's Administration Retirement Systems

State Unemployment Agencies

Schools and Colleges

Credit Providers and Credit Bureaus Medical Providers and Pharmacies Support and Alimony Providers

Childcare Providers

Individuals providing household contributions

#### **CONDITIONS**

I agree that a photocopy of this authorization may be used for the purposes stated above. The original of this authorization is on file with the Housing Authority and will stay in effect for one year and one month from the date signed.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Head of Household)	(Printed Name)	(Date)	
(Spouse)	(Printed Name)	(Date)	
(Adult Member)	(Printed Name)	(Date)	
(Adult Member)	(Printed Name)	(Date)	
(Signature of Minor's Parent or Legal Guardian)	(Printed Name of Minor Child)	(Date)	
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Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any department of the United States Government. HUD and any owner (or any employee of HUD or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper use of information collected based on the consent form. Use of the information collected based on this verification form is restricted to the purposes cited above. Any person, who knowingly or willingly requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use. Penalty provisions for misusing the social security number are contained in the Social Security Act at 42 U.S.C. 208(f) (g) and (h). Violation of these provisions are cited as violations of 42 U.S.C. 408 (f), (g) and (h).







# FAMILY OBLIGATIONS Housing Choice Voucher Program

#### THE FAMILY MUST

- 1. Supply any information that HACD or HUD determines to be necessary including evidence of citizenship or eligible immigration status, and information for use in a regularly scheduled reexamination or interim reexamination of family income and composition.
- 2. Disclose and verify social security numbers and sign and submit consent forms for obtaining information.
- 3. Supply only true and complete information.
- 4. Report all family income from all sources and the names of persons who will be living in the household during the lease year.
- 5. Report to HACD in writing when the tenant or any member of the tenant's household has an income or income source change at any time during the year. The report to HACD must be made in writing no later than 10 days following such change. A telephone call alone will not satisfy this requirement. Changes can include, but are not limited to, any family member who gets a job or changes jobs, goes on or off welfare, goes from part-time work to full-time work, goes on or off unemployment benefits or Social Security benefits, or adds or changes any other source of income.
- 6. Supply information requested by HACD to verify that the family is living in the unit or information related to family absence from the unit.
- Notify HACD in writing within 10 days of the birth, adoption, or courtawarded custody of a child.
- 8. Notify HACD in writing within 10 days if any family member no longer lives in the unit.
- 9. Request HACD written approval to add any other family member as an occupant of the unit. Any person not included on the personal declaration form that has been in the unit more than 30 consecutive days or nights, or a total of 90 cumulative days or nights in any 12-month period will be considered to be living in the unit as an unauthorized household member. Any person who uses the assisted unit's address as his/her address or spends 30% or more of his/her time in a 24 hour period on an ongoing consistent basis is considered to be an unauthorized resident of the household. Only those family members listed on the lease and approved by HACD as a member of the household may reside in the unit. Any other arrangement is considered to be unauthorized by HACD. If HACD has given approval, a foster child or a live-in aide may reside in the unit.
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- 13. Notify HACD and the owner in writing before moving out of the unit or terminating the lease.
- 14. Immediately give HACD a copy of any owner eviction notice.
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- 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. In accordance with HUD 24 CFR 982.553, the Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb will terminate housing assistance payments if the tenant or a member of the tenant's household is involved in drug-related criminal activity.
- Sublease or let the unit or assign the lease or transfer the unit.
- 6. Receive Housing Choice Voucher Tenant-based Program housing 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 Housing Choice Voucher Program housing 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.
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#### I understand that:

- My rent will be retroactively calculated, if deemed appropriate by HACD for any failure to report required changes within 10 days.
- My rental assistance may be terminated and I may be subject to criminal prosecution for giving false information or making a misrepresentation to HACD regarding any matter within its jurisdiction.
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The signature(s) below is/are an acknowledgment that I/we fully understand the conditions of eligibility as stated above.

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#### INTERIM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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#### **CHANGES IN FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION**

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Families must request HACD approval to add a new family member (other than those listed above), live-in aide, foster child, or foster adults. This includes any person not on the lease who is expected to stay in the unit for more than 30 consecutive days, or 90 cumulative days, within a twelve month period, and therefore no longer qualifies as a "guest." Request must be made in writing and approved by the HACD *prior* to the individual moving into the unit. HACD will not approve the addition of a new family or household member unless the individual meets the HACD eligibility criteria.

If a family member or household member (live-in aide, foster child, or foster adult) no longer resides in the unit, the family must report this change in writing to the HACD within 10 business days.

#### **CHANGES IN INCOME OR EXPENSES**

Families are required to report increases in household income within 10 business days of the date the change takes effect.

The types of income include, but are not limited to, new employment, increase in Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF cash grant), child support, unemployment Insurance benefits, workman's compensation, pension, self-employment income, increase in work hours, overtime or bonuses received on a regular basis, income from babysitting, increase in regular cash contributions to the household, or any other type of income.

HACD will conduct interim re-examinations using the following guidelines for timing of the effective date of the change in the portion of rent the family is responsible for:

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES**

If the family share of the rent is to *increase*:

The increase generally will be effective on the first of the month following 30 days' notice to the family.

If a family fails to report a change within the required time frame, or fails to provide all required information within the required time frame, the increase will be applied retroactively, to the date it would have been effective and the information been provided on a timely basis. The family will be responsible for any overpaid subsidy and may be subject to termination from the Housing Choice Voucher Program, or will be offered a repayment agreement in lieu of termination from the program. Once a repayment agreement is executed, participants are not eligible to move until the debt is paid in full. Families will not be offered a repayment agreement in lieu of termination if they are currently making payments on a repayment agreement already in effect at the time a new instance of unreported income is documented. Families are additionally limited to a total of two repayment agreements during the duration of their participation in the HCV Program.

When the amount of overpaid subsidy meets or exceeds the threshold for prosecution under local or state law (\$3,000), HACD will refer the matter to the appropriate entity for prosecution.

If the family share of rent is to *decrease:* 

The decrease will be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the change was reported, provided the change was reported in writing by the family by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month, and all required documentation was submitted. In cases where the change cannot be verified until after the date the change would have become effective, the change will be made retroactively.

EXAMPLE: A decrease of income is reported in writing by the family and is verified by the HACD prior to December 20. The family's share of rent will be adjusted with a January 1 effective date.

Changes reported in writing after the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month will not be effective until the first day of the second month after the change is reported.

EXAMPLE: A decrease of income is reported in writing by the family on December 25 and verified by the HACD. The family's share of rent will be adjusted with a February 1 effective date.

The signature(s) below is/are an acknowledgment that I/we fully understand the information outlined above.

Signature of Head of Household	<b>Date</b>
Signature of Spouse or Other Adult	Date
Signature of Other Adult	Date
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If a family fails to report a change within the required time frame, or fails to provide all required information within the required time frame, the increase will be applied retroactively, to the date it would have been effective and the information been provided on a timely basis. The family will be responsible for any overpaid subsidy and may be subject to termination from the Housing Choice Voucher Program, or will be offered a repayment agreement in lieu of termination from the program. Once a repayment agreement is executed, participants are not eligible to move until the debt is paid in full. Families will not be offered a repayment agreement in lieu of termination if they are currently making payments on a repayment agreement already in effect at the time a new instance of unreported income is documented. Families are additionally limited to a total of two repayment agreements during the duration of their participation in the HCV Program.

When the amount of overpaid subsidy meets or exceeds the threshold for prosecution under local or state law (\$3,000), HACD will refer the matter to the appropriate entity for prosecution.

If the family share of rent is to *decrease:* 

The decrease will be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the change was reported, provided the change was reported in writing by the family by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month, and all required documentation was submitted. In cases where the change cannot be verified until after the date the change would have become effective, the change will be made retroactively.

EXAMPLE: A decrease of income is reported in writing by the family and is verified by the HACD prior to December 20. The family's share of rent will be adjusted with a January 1 effective date.

Changes reported in writing after the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month will not be effective until the first day of the second month after the change is reported.

EXAMPLE: A decrease of income is reported in writing by the family on December 25 and verified by the HACD. The family's share of rent will be adjusted with a February 1 effective date.

The signature(s) below is/are an acknowledgment that I/we fully understand the information outlined above.

Signature of Head of Household	<b>Date</b>
Signature of Spouse or Other Adult	Date
Signature of Other Adult	Date
Signature of Other Adult	Date

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF DEKALB

# 310 NORTH SIXTH STREET DEKALB, ILLINOIS 60115

(815) 758-2692 (815) 758-4190 FAX

#### GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION IN RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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- 12. If any family member fails to submit required verification or signed consent forms relating to citizenship or eligibility for immigration status pursuant to the regulations governing that requirement.
- 13. If any family member violates any policies, rules or regulations in the Housing Authority Administrative Plan (a copy is available in the Housing Choice Voucher office to read).
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#### **SIGNATURES**

(Head of Household)	(Printed Name)	(Date)
(Spouse)	(Printed Name)	(Date)
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## **Family Certification Statement**

Read Carefully - Program Compliance

#### **Certification of Reporting Responsibilities**

HUD requires that all families report to the Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb any changes in sources of income and/or family composition (this includes reporting when a minor turns 18 years of age.) immediately/within 10 days upon the occurrence of such change, whether it is an increase or a decrease.

Initials of Each Adult:

Certification of True and Complete Information

I/We certify that the information given to the Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb on household composition, income, net family assets, and allowances and deductions are accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/WE understand that false statements or information is grounds for denial of housing and termination of tenancy.

Initials of Each Adult:

Signature of Head of Household

Date

Signature of Spouse or Other Adult

Date

WARNING: Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any department of the United States Government. HUD and any owner (or any employee of HUD or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper use of information collected based on the consent form. Use of the information collected based on this verification form is restricted to the purposes cited above. Any person, who knowingly or willingly requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use. Penalty provisions for misusing the social security number are contained in the Social Security Act at 42 U.S.C. 208(f) (g) and (h). Violation of these provisions are cited as violations of 42 U.S.C. 408 (f), (g) and (h).



Signature of Other Adult

Signature of Other Adult



Date

Date

## **Checklist for Income, Assets, and Allowances**

This checklist must be completed at Admissions and every annual recertification and any time in between at the Housing Authority's discretion. Each adult member of the household (age 18 or older) must complete and sign a separate form. Failure to comply could result in termination of assistance. Answer YES/NO to each statement; provide detail if requested.

Last 1	Vame	First Name M.I.
Yes	<u>No</u>	Answer Yes or No to EACH item:
		NON-ASSET INCOME I have a child under the age of 18 who receives income from SSA. Name(s):
		Name(s): I am employed. List all the company(ies) you work currently for: I receive tips, bonuses or commissions.  I am currently working overtime or expect to work overtime in the next 12 months.  I am self employed. Type of business: I own my own small business. Name of business: I am currently a student but expect to be employed during the summer months.  I receive income from military employment.
	0000000000	I receive unemployment or Worker's Compensation benefits.  I receive Social Security.  I receive Supplemental Security Income.  I receive quarterly payments from the Family Independence Agency for the State-paid portion of SSI.  I receive Veteran's Administration benefits or benefits from the GI Bill.  I receive disability of death benefits other than Social Security.  I receive Public Assistance/SNAP Benefits (LINK Food Stamps Medical Card).  I receive Public Assistance/TANF (Cash Assistance).  I receive alimony/maintenance payments.  I receive child support. How many providers?Is it paid directly to Social Services?  I receive regular cash contributions or gifts.
		(including utility, phone, cable or rent payments paid for you).  I receive income from annuities, an inheritance, or a nonrevocable trust fund.  I receive regular payments from insurance policies. List all policies:  I receive income from retirement funds. List all companies:  I receive income from one or more pensions. List all pensions:  I receive periodic payments from lottery winnings.  I am currently having a benefit reduced to adjust for a prior overpayment.  I received a cash settlement or a lump sum receipt in the last 12 months, or expect to in the next 12 months.  I have received a delayed periodic receipt. List agency:
		I have income from other sources not listed above. Explain:
Yes	No	ASSET INCOME
		I have cash held in my home or in a safety deposit box.  I have assets held in another state. Type:List state(s): I have assets held in a foreign country. Type:List country(s): I own real estate. How many properties?Name location(s) I have equity in rental property or other capital investments. Name(s): I receive rental income from real estate. Name location(s)

Yes No	ASSET INCOME, CONT.
	I receive income from rental of farmland. Name location(s)
	I receive income from oil or gas rights. Name location(s)
	I own a land contract, mortgage or deed of trust. Name:
	I have a vacant house or land that currently receives no income. Name locations:
	I own a mobile home. I receivemonthly rental income from it. It is vacant
	I own a funeral account. It is revocableIt is nonrevocable
	I own personal property for investment purposes (gems, jewelry, antique cars, coin or stamp collections.)
	I have a revocable trust.
	I have a pre-paid card(s). How many?List all institutions
	I have savings account(s). How many?List all institutions
	I have checking account(s). How many?List all institutions
	I have time certificates. How many?List all institutions
	I have certificates of deposit (CD). How many?List all
	I have money market accounts. How many?List all institution:
	I have IRA's or Keogh's. How many?List:
	I have stocks. List all companies:
	I have bonds. List all types:
	I have treasury bills.
	I have 401k,/403b/457 or retirement or pension account.
	I have a life insurance policy(ies). What type?
	I have assets other than what are listed above. Explain:
	My name is on accounts not effectively owned by me. Explain:
	I have another name(s) listed on one or more of the above assets for beneficiary or other purposes, such as, power of attorney, in case I become incompetent. These other persons do not own the assets and
	receive no income from the assets.
	I have joint ownership on one or more of the above assets.
Yes No	
	I have sold, given away, or otherwise transferred an asset(s) for less than it was worth within the last two years. Explain:
Yes No	
	I am a full-time student and am 18 or older. The school(s) I attend:
	I am ELDERLY (62 or older), or HANDICAPPED or DISABLED
	I pay for medical insurance.
	I pay expenses relating to a handicap or disability.
	I pay medical expenses out of my own pocket.
	I pay child care expenses out of my own pocket.
	I pay attendant care expenses out of my own pocket.
	I pay medical, child care or attendant care expenses, for which I am reimbursed by an outside source or governmental agency.
	<u>CERTIFICATION</u>
I understa WARNIN	at to the best of my knowledge, all statements made on this checklist form are true and complete.  Indicate that false or incomplete statements made on this form could result in the termination of housing assistance.  It is a section 1001 of the U.S. Code, states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly see or fraudulent statements to any Department or Agency of the U.S. or the Department of Housing and Urban
Signature	

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#### TO USE YOUR PORTABILITY OPTION

Contact your case manager if you want to move to any location other than DeKalb County. Your case manager will assist you in completing a *Request for Portability* and provide you with important information.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY MOVE UNDER PORTABILITY SUBJECT TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND PHA POLICY. I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS FORM.

Applicant/Tenant Signature
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#### Who will have access to the information collected?

This information will be available to HUD employees, PHA employees, and contractors of HUD and PHAs.

#### How will this information be used?

PHAs will have access to this information during the time of application for rental assistance and reexamination of family income and composition for existing participants. PHAs will be able to access this information to determine a family's suitability for initial or continued rental assistance, and avoid providing limited Federal housing assistance to families who have previously been unable to comply with HUD program requirements. If the reported information is accurate, a PHA may terminate your current rental assistance and deny your future request for HUD rental assistance, subject to PHA policy.

#### How long is the debt owed and termination information maintained in EIV?

Debt owed and termination information will be maintained in EIV for a period of up to ten (10) years from the end of participation date or such other period consistent with State Law.

#### What are my rights?

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 USC 552a) and HUD regulations pertaining to its implementation of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (24 CFR Part 16), you have the following rights:

- 1. To have access to your records maintained by HUD, subject to 24 CFR Part 16.
- 2. To have an administrative review of HUD's initial denial of your request to have access to your records maintained by HUD.
- 3. To have incorrect information in your record corrected upon written request.
- 4. To file an appeal request of an initial adverse determination on correction or amendment of record request within 30 calendar days after the issuance of the written denial.
- 5. To have your record disclosed to a third party upon receipt of your written and signed request.

#### What do I do if I dispute the debt or termination information reported about me?

If you disagree with the reported information, you should contact in writing the PHA who has reported this information about you. The PHA's name, address, and telephone numbers are listed on the Debts Owed and Termination Report. You have a right to request and obtain a copy of this report from the PHA. Inform the PHA why you dispute the information and provide any documentation that supports your dispute. HUD's record retention policies at 24 CFR Part 908 and 24 CFR Part 982 provide that the PHA may destroy your records three years from the date your participation in the program ends. To ensure the availability of your records, disputes of the original debt or termination information must be made within three years from the end of participation date; otherwise the debt and termination information will be presumed correct. Only the PHA who reported the adverse information about you can delete or correct your record.

Your filing of bankruptcy will not result in the removal of debt owed or termination information from HUD's EIV system. However, if you have included this debt in your bankruptcy filing and/or this debt has been discharged by the bankruptcy court, your record will be updated to include the bankruptcy indicator, when you provide the PHA with documentation of your bankruptcy status.

The PHA will notify you in writing of its action regarding your dispute within 30 days of receiving your written dispute. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is incorrect, the PHA will update or delete the record. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is correct, the PHA will provide an explanation as to why the information is correct.

This Notice was prov	ided b	y the be	low-listed	PHA
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Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb 310 N. 6th Street DeKalb, IL 60115 I hereby acknowledge that the PHA provided me with the Debts Owed to PHAs & Termination Notice:

Signature

Date

**Printed Name** 



# **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**Office of Public and Indian Housing

#### **DEBTS OWED TO PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES AND TERMINATIONS**

Paperwork Reduction Notice: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7 minutes per response. This includes the time for respondents to read the document and certify, and any recordkeeping burden. This information will be used in the processing of a tenancy. Response to this request for information is required to receive benefits. The agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB Number is 2577-0266, and expires 10/31/2019.

#### NOTICE TO APPLICANTS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE FOLLOWING HUD RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

- Public Housing (24 CFR 960)
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, including the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (24 CFR 982)
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (24 CFR 882)
- Project-Based Voucher (24 CFR 983)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development maintains a national repository of debts owed to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) or Section 8 landlords and adverse information of former participants who have voluntarily or involuntarily terminated participation in one of the above-listed HUD rental assistance programs. This information is maintained within HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system, which is used by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and their management agents to verify employment and income information of program participants, as well as, to reduce administrative and rental assistance payment errors. The EIV system is designed to assist PHAs and HUD in ensuring that families are eligible to participate in HUD rental assistance programs and determining the correct amount of rental assistance a family is eligible for. All PHAs are required to use this system in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 5.233.

HUD requires PHAs, which administers the above-listed rental housing programs, to report certain information at the conclusion of your participation in a HUD rental assistance program. This notice provides you with information on what information the PHA is required to provide HUD, who will have access to this information, how this information is used and your rights. PHAs are required to provide this notice to all applicants and program participants and you are required to acknowledge receipt of this notice by signing page 2. Each adult household member must sign this form.

#### What information about you and your tenancy does HUD collect from the PHA?

The following information is collected about each member of your household (family composition): full name, date of birth, and Social Security Number.

The following adverse information is collected once your participation in the housing program has ended, whether you voluntarily or involuntarily move out of an assisted unit:

- 1. Amount of any balance you owe the PHA or Section 8 landlord (up to \$500,000) and explanation for balance owed (i.e. unpaid rent, retroactive rent (due to unreported income and/ or change in family composition) or other charges such as damages, utility charges, etc.); and
- 2. Whether or not you have entered into a repayment agreement for the amount that you owe the PHA; and
- 3. Whether or not you have defaulted on a repayment agreement; and
- 4. Whether or not the PHA has obtained a judgment against you; and
- 5. Whether or not you have filed for bankruptcy; and
- 6. The negative reason(s) for your end of participation or any negative status (i.e., abandoned unit, fraud, lease violations, criminal activity, etc.) as of the end of participation date.

Supplemental and Optional Contact Information for HUD-Assisted Housing Applicants

#### SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING

This form is to be provided to each applicant for federally assisted housing

Instructions: Optional Contact Person or Organization: You have the right by law to include as part of your application for housing, the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or social, health, advocacy, or other organization. This contact information is for the purpose of identifying a person or organization that may be able to help in resolving any issues that may arise during your tenancy or to assist in providing any special care or services you may require. You may update, remove, or change the information you provide on this form at any time. You are not required to provide this contact information, but if you choose to do so, please include the relevant information on this form.

Applicant Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:	
Name of Additional Contact Person or Organization:		
Address:		
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:	
E-Mail Address (if applicable):		
Relationship to Applicant:		
Reason for Contact: (Check all that apply)  Emergency  Unable to contact you  Termination of rental assistance  Eviction from unit  Late payment of rent	Assist with Recertification Proceedings of the Change in lease terms Change in house rules Other:	rocess
Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner: If you are app arise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special issues or in providing any services or special care to you.	roved for housing, this information will al care, we may contact the person or or	be kept as part of your tenant file. If issues ganization you listed to assist in resolving the
<b>Confidentiality Statement:</b> The information provided on this for applicant or applicable law.	orm is confidential and will not be discl	osed to anyone except as permitted by the
<b>Legal Notification:</b> Section 644 of the Housing and Community requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offer organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibition programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, se age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.	ed the option of providing information in ng provider agrees to comply with the raise on discrimination in admission to or	regarding an additional contact person or non-discrimination and equal opportunity participation in federally assisted housing
Check this box if you choose not to provide the contact	t information.	
Signature of Applicant		Date

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) imposed on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization. The objective of providing such information is to facilitate contact by the housing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing any delivery of services or special care to the tenant and assist with resolving any tenancy issues arising during the tenancy of such tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information is basic to the operations of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Privacy Statement: Public Law 102-550, authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to collect all the information (except the Social Security Number (SSN)) which will be used by HUD to protect disbursement data from fraudulent actions.