

# Family Obligations

Obligations of the participant:

**Purpose** This section states the obligations of the participant under the Section 8 Voucher program:

## Supplying required information:

1. The family must supply any information that the HA or HUD determines is necessary in the administration of the program, including submission of the required evidence of citizenship or eligible immigration status, "information" includes any requested certification, release or other documentation.
2. The family must supply an information requested by the HA or HUD for use in regularly scheduled reexamination or interim reexamination of family income and composition in accordance with HUD requirements.
3. The family must disclose and verify social security numbers and must sign and submit consent forms for obtaining information.
4. Any information must be true and complete.
5. The family must notify the HA of any changed within the first five (5) business days.

## Housing Quality Standards:

The family is responsible for a breach of the HQS that is caused by the following:

1. The family fails to pay for any utilities that the owner is not required to pay for, but which are to be paid by the tenant.
2. The family fails to provide and maintain any appliances that the owner is not required to provide but which are to be provided by the tenant, or
3. Any member of the household or guest damages the dwelling unit or premises (damages beyond ordinary wear and tear)

## Allowing HA inspection:

The family must allow the HA to inspect the unit at reasonable times an after reasonable notice.

## Violation of Lease

The family may not commit any serious or repeated violation of the lease.

## Family Notice of Move or Lease Termination

The family must notify the HA and the owner thirty days or more before the family moves out of the unity, or terminates the lease.

## Owner Eviction Notice

The family must promptly give the HA a copy of any owner eviction notice.

**Use and Occupancy of the Unit:**

1. The family must use the assisted unit for residence by the family. The unit must be the family's only residence.
2. The composition of the assisted family residing in the unit must be approved by the HA. The family must promptly inform the HA of the birth, adoption or court-awarded custody of a child. The family must request HA approval to add any other family member as an occupant of the unit.
3. The family must promptly notify the HA if any family member no longer resides in the unit.
4. If the Ha has given approval, a foster child or live in aide may reside in the unit. The HA has the discretion to adopt reasonable policies concerning residence by a foster child or a live in aide, and define when HA consent may be given or denied.
5. Members of the household may engage in legal profit making activities in the unit, but only if such activities are incidental to the primary use of the unit for residence by members of the family.
6. The family must not sublease or lease the unit
7. The family must not assign the lease or transfer the unit.
  - (i) Absence from Unit – the family must supply any information or certification requested by the HA to verify that the family is living in the unit, or relating to family absence from the unit, including any HA requested information or certification on the purposes of family absences. The family must cooperate with the HA for this purpose, the family must promptly notify the HA of absence from the unit.
  - (j) Interest in unit – The family must not won or have any interest in the unit.
  - (k) Fraud and other program violation – the family or members of the family must not commit fraud, bribery or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with the program.
  - (l) Crime by family members – the members of the family may not engage in drug-related criminal activity, or violent criminal activity.
  - (m) Other housing assistance – an assisted family, or members of the family, may not receive Section 8 tenant-based assistance while receiving another housing subsidy, for the same unit or for a different unit, under any duplicate (as determined by HUD or in accordance with HUD requirements) federal, state, or local housing assistance programs.