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REQUEST TO ADD ADULT - 18 YEARS & OLDER)

Section 1: To be filled out by Head of household										
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Income?]Yes □No	If yes, describe source:							
High school or college student?										
By signing below I consent to allow Harris County Housing Authority to request and obtain criminal conviction records from any law enforcement agency for the purpose of screening my request to be added to the assisted household composition.										
New Household	Membe	er Signature	Э				Date			
In order for your request to be processed, you must attach <u>birth certificate</u> , <u>social security card</u> , <u>driver's license</u> <u>or ID</u> , <u>income or school documents</u> with your request. If all required documents are not submitted, your request will not be processed.										
DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE-OFFICE USE ONLY										
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Method of Verification:										
Effective Date:									Vou Size:	

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

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OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 2501-0014 exp. 1/31/2014

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

IHA requesting release of information: (Cross out space if none) (Full address, name of contact person, and 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.

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.

Signatures:			
Head of Household	Date		
Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household		Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Spouse	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date

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, against 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 HA requesting release of information: September 25, 2014

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1437f and 3535(d), implemented at 24CFR 982.551(b).

Purpose: In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD and the above-named HA to request information including but not limited to: identity and marital status, employment income and assets, residences and rental activity, Medical or Child Care Allowances, Credit and Criminal Activity. HUD and the HA need this information to verify your eligibility 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.

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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 review and hearing procedures.

Sources of Information: The groups or individuals that may be asked to release the authorized information include but are not limited to:

Previous Landlords (including Public Housing Agencies)

Courts and Post Offices

Schools and Colleges

Law Enforcement Agencies

Support and Alimony Providers

Past and Present Employers

Social Service Agencies

State Unemployment Agencies

State Wage Information Collection Agencies

Social Security Administration

Medical and Child Care Providers

Veterans Administration

Retirement Systems

Banks and other Financial Institutions

Credit Providers and Credit Bureaus

Utility Companies

Internal Revenue Service

Consent: I consent to allow HUD or the HA to request and obtain any information from any Federal, State, or local agency, organization, business, or individual for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under HUD's assisted housing programs. I understand that HAs that receive information under this consent form cannot use it to deny, reduce or terminate assistance without first independently verifying the information obtained. In addition, I must be given an opportunity to contest those determinations.

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Signatures:				
, Head of Household	Date	Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household		
Spouse	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date	
Other Family Member over age 18	 Date	Other Family Member over age 18	 Date	_

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ZERO INCOME AFFIDAVIT

I do hereby certify and affirm that I do not have any earned wages and/or any other source of income at the present time. This includes but is not limited to income from any of the following:

- Wages, salaries, tips or commissions, overtime, bonuses, or other compensation for personal services from an employer (Full time or part time)
- Military pay
- Odd jobs
- Operation of a business (Self-employment)
- Social Security income
- Welfare assistance payments (TANF)
- Retirement funds or pensions
- Unemployment compensation
- Child support payments
- · Alimony payments
- Disability benefits
- Death benefits
- Insurance policies
- Annuities or other investments
- Interest, dividends, or other income from real or personal property and/or
- Contributions or gifts from anyone outside of the home for bills or living expenses.

By signing this, I understand that I am required to notify the housing authority of any changes in my income within ten (10) business days of such change. I also give HCHA permission to obtain a copy of any tax returns submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.

Print Name	Signature
Last four of Social Security Number	Date
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	tement of Sole Support upport for the above household member 18 years or older who
does not have any source of income at the	
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Print Name	Signature
Date	

Title 18 Section 1001 of the US Code states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any department of the U.S. government.



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FAMILY OBLIGATIONS¹

The family must:

- 1. Supply any information that Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) or HUD determines to be necessary including evidence of citizenship or eligible immigration status and for use in 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 any information requested by HCHA to verify that the family is living in the unit or information related to family absence from the unit.
- 4. Promptly notify the PHA in writing when the family is away from the unit for an extended period of time in accordance with HCHA policies.
- 5. Allow HCHA to inspect the unit at reasonable times and after reasonable notice.
- 6. Notify HCHA and the owner in writing before moving out of the unit or terminating the lease.
- 7. Use the assisted unit for residence by the family. The unit must be the family's only residence.
- 8. Promptly notify HCHA in writing of the birth, adoption, or court-awarded custody of a child.
- 9. Request HCHA written approval to add any other family member as an occupant of the unit.
- 10. Promptly notify HCHA in writing if the any family member no longer lives in the unit.
- 11. Give HCHA a copy of any owner eviction notice.
- 12. Pay utility bills, provide and maintain any appliances that the owner is not required to under the lease.
- 13. Provide true and complete information to HCHA.

The family must not:

- 1. Own or have any interest in the unit. (Exception: Family is the owner of a manufactured home and assistance is being paid towards the rent of the "pad")
- 2. Commit fraud, bribery or any other corrupt or criminal activity in connection with the Section 8 program.
- 3. Engage in drug-related criminal activity, violent criminal activity or any other activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents and person residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises. Under 24 CFR5.2005(c) (2), criminal activity directly related to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, engaged in by a member of a tenant's household or any quest or other person under the tenant's control, shall not be cause for termination of tenancy, occupancy rights, or assistance of the victim, if the tenant or immediate family member of the tenant is the victim.
- 4. Breach any HQS responsibility.
- 5. Fail to pay for any utilities that are the tenant's responsibility.
- 6. Fail to provide and maintain any appliances that the owner is not required to provide, but which are to be provided by
- 7. Cause any damage to the dwelling unit or premises (damages beyond ordinary wear and tear). Family is responsible for damages caused by any household member or household guest.
- 8. Commit any serious or repeated violation of the lease.
- 9. Sublease or sublet the unit or assign the lease or transfer the unit.
- 10. Receive Section 8 tenant-based assistance while receiving another housing subsidy, for the same unit or for a different unit, under any duplicative (as determined by HUD or in accordance with HUD requirements) federal, state or local housing assistance program.

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¹ 24 CFR 982.551- Obligations of Participant

- 11. Abuse alcohol in a way that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents and persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises.
- 12. Fail to sign and submit consent forms for obtaining information.

Grounds for Denial or Termination of Assistance²

Your Section 8 housing assistance may be terminated if any family member:

- 1. Violates any family obligation listed above.
- 2. Has ever been evicted from federally assisted housing in the past five years.
- 3. Has ever been terminated by a PHA under the housing assistance program.
- 4. Commits drug-related criminal activity, violent criminal activity or other criminal activity that threatens the health safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents or persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises.
- 5. Commits fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with any federal housing program.
- 6. Currently owes rent or other amounts to HCHA or any other housing authority in connection with Section 8 or Public Housing assistance under the 1937 Act.
- 7. Breaches an agreement with HCHA to pay amounts owed to any housing authority, or amounts paid to an owner by any Housing Authority. (The housing authority, at its discretion, may offer a family the opportunity to enter an agreement to pay amounts owed to a PHA or amounts paid to an owner by a PHA. The PHA may prescribe the terms of the agreement.)
- 8. Has engaged in or threatened abusive or violent behavior toward HCHA personnel.
- 9. Under certain circumstances stated in 24 CFR 812.9, HCHA must terminate assistance because a family member does not establish citizenship or eligible immigration status.

Right to a Hearing

If a decision is made to terminate your assistance, you will receive a written notice. The notice will advise you of a time limit by which you may request a hearing to appeal the decision.

I/we have read and understand all the information given on the "Family Obligations" and "Grounds for Termination". I/we have received a copy of this information.

Signature of Head of Household:	Date
Signature of other Adult 18 Years and Older:	Date
Signature of other Adult 18 Years and Older:	Date
Signature of other Adult 18 Years and Older:	Date

² 24 CFR 982.552- PHA Denial or Termination of Assistance for Family

DECLARATION OF CITIZENSHIP

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO:

Part 1: Applies to All Family Members

to 5 years; and/or prohibited from receiving future assistance.

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adult membe	•	esiding in th sted.		g uni	•	rears of age, the form must be signed by an insible for the child. Use blank lines to add Signature of Adult Listed to the left, or Signature of Guardian for Minors.
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NOTE: Family members who have checked a box indicating that they are a noncitizen with eligible immigration status must complete Part 2 of this form.

Warning - Title 18 US Code Section 1001 states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making a false or fraudulent statement to any department or agency of the United States. If this form contains false or incomplete information, you may be required to repay all overpaid rental assistance you received; fined up to \$10,000, imprisoned for up

Part 2: Applies to Noncitizen Family Members Only

All family members who have claimed eligible immigration status on Part 1 of this form must provide this office with an original of one of the following documents:

- (1) Form I-551, Alien Registration Receipt Card
- (2) Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record with appropriate annotations or documents
- (3) Form I-688, Temporary Resident Card
- (4) Form I-688B, Employment Authorization Card
- (5) A receipt issued by the INS indicating that an application for issuance of a replacement document in one of the above-listed categories has been made and the applicant's entitlement to the document has been verified.

Please call at to arrange for delivery and copying of original documents.

Do not mail original documents to this office.

If documents are not presented and verified, your family's rental assistance may be reduced, denied, or terminated as provided in regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, pending available appeals processes.

Head of Ho	ousehold Certifi	cation		
and that memb	bers of my househol	d that have not	erjury, that all members of my household are listed checked either box on Part 1 of this form do not claim eligible immigration status.	
Signature			Date	
Consent to	Verify Eligible	Immigration	Status	
immigration s		ild who is not 1	art 2 of this form must sign below granting con 8 years of age, the form must be signed by an adult or the child.	
First Name	Last Name	Age	Signature of Adult Listed to the left, or Signature of Guardian for Minors.	Office Use Only INS VERIF.#
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			X	
			<u>X</u>	
			X	

Evidence supplied with this form may be released by the Housing Agency, without responsibility for its further use or transmission, to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for purposes of verification of the immigration status of the individual or to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as required. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is not responsible for the further use or transmission of the evidence or other information.



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 Hotline@hudoig.gov. You can write the Hotline at:



HUD OIG Hotline, GFI 451 7th Street, SW Washington, DC 20410



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I/we have read and understand the information given on "Applying for HUD Housing Assistance?" and I/we have received a copy of this information.

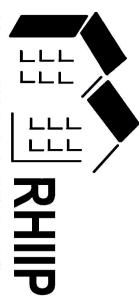
Each adult household member must fill in the information below.

Head of Household Print Name	
Head of Household Signature	Date
Other Adult Print Name	
Other Adult Signature	Date
Other Adult Print Name	
Other Adult Signature	Date
Other Adult Print Name	
Other Adult Signature	 Date



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)



RENTAL HOUSING INTEGRITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

What You Should Know About EIV

A Guide for Applicants & Tenants of Public Housing & Section 8 Programs

What is EIV?

The Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system is a web-based computer system that contains employment and income information of individuals who participate in HUD rental assistance programs. All Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) are required to use HUD's EIV system.

What information is in EIV and where does it come from?

HUD obtains information about you from your local PHA, the Social Security Administration (SSA), and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

HHS provides HUD with wage and employment information as reported by employers; and unemployment compensation information as reported by the State Workforce Agency (SWA).

SSA provides HUD with death, Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) information.

What is the EIV information used for?

Primarily, the information is used by PHAs (and management agents hired by PHAs) for the following purposes to:

- Confirm your name, date of birth (DOB), and Social Security Number (SSN) with SSA.
- Verify your reported income sources and amounts.
- Confirm your participation in only one HUD rental assistance program.
- Confirm if you owe an outstanding debt to any PHA

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- Confirm any negative status if you moved out of a subsidized unit (in the past) under the Public Housing or Section 8 program.
- Follow up with you, other adult household members, or your listed emergency contact regarding deceased household members.

EIV will alert your PHA if you or anyone in your household has used a false SSN, failed to report complete and accurate income information, or is receiving rental assistance at another address. Remember, you may receive rental assistance at only one home!

EIV will also alert PHAs if you owe an outstanding debt to any PHA (in any state or U.S. territory) and any negative status when you voluntarily or involuntarily moved out of a subsidized unit under the Public Housing or Section 8 program. This information is used to determine your eligibility for rental assistance at the time of application.

The information in EIV is also used by HUD, HUD's Office of Inspector General (OIG), and auditors to ensure that your family and PHAs comply with HUD rules.

Overall, the purpose of EIV is to identify and prevent fraud within HUD rental assistance programs, so that limited taxpayer's dollars can assist as many eligible families as possible. EIV will help to improve the integrity of HUD rental assistance programs.

Is my consent required in order for information to be obtained about me?

Yes, your consent is required in order for HUD or the PHA to obtain information about you. By law, you are required to sign one or more consent forms. When you sign a form HUD-9886 (Federal Privacy Act Notice and Authorization for Release of Information) or a PHA consent form (which meets HUD standards), you are giving HUD and the PHA your consent for them to obtain information about you for the purpose of determining your eligibility and amount of rental assistance. The information collected about you will be used only to determine your eligibility for the program, unless you consent in writing to authorize additional uses of the information by the PHA.

<u>Note:</u> If you or any of your adult household members refuse to sign a consent form, your request for initial or continued rental assistance may be denied. You may also be terminated from the HUD rental assistance program.

What are my responsibilities?

As a tenant (participant) of a HUD rental assistance program, you and each adult household member must disclose complete and accurate information to the PHA, including full name, SSN, and DOB; income information; and certify that your reported household composition (household members), income, and expense information is true to the best of your knowledge.

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Remember, you must notify your PHA if a household member dies or moves out. You must also obtain the PHA's approval to allow additional family members or friends to move in your home **prior** to them moving in.

What are the penalties for providing false information?

Knowingly providing false, inaccurate, or incomplete information is **FRAUD** and a **CRIME**.

If you commit fraud, you and your family may be subject to any of the following penalties:

- Eviction
- Termination of assistance
- Repayment of rent that you should have paid had you reported your income correctly
- Prohibited from receiving future rental assistance for a period of up to 10 years
- Prosecution by the local, state, or Federal prosecutor, which may result in you being fined up to \$10,000 and/or serving time in jail.

Protect yourself by following HUD reporting requirements. When completing applications and reexaminations, you must include all sources of income you or any member of your household receives.

If you have any questions on whether money received should be counted as income or how your rent is determined, <u>ask your PHA</u>. When changes occur in your household income, <u>contact your PHA</u> immediately to determine if this will affect your rental assistance.

What do I do if the EIV information is incorrect?

Sometimes the source of EIV information may make an error when submitting or reporting information about you. If you do not agree with the EIV information, let your PHA know.

If necessary, your PHA will contact the source of the information directly to verify disputed income information. Below are the procedures you and the PHA should follow regarding incorrect EIV information.

Debts owed to PHAs and termination information reported in EIV originates from the PHA who provided you assistance in the past. If you dispute this information, contact your former PHA directly in writing to dispute this information and provide any documentation that supports your dispute. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is incorrect, the PHA will update or delete the record from EIV.

Employment and wage information reported in EIV originates from the employer. If you dispute this information, contact the employer in writing to dispute **and** request correction of the disputed employment and/or wage information. Provide your PHA with a copy of the letter that you sent to the employer. If you are unable to get the employer to correct the information, you should contact the SWA for assistance.

Unemployment benefit information reported in EIV originates from the SWA. If you dispute this information, contact the SWA in writing to dispute **and** request correction of the disputed unemployment benefit information. Provide your PHA with a copy of the letter that you sent to the SWA.

Death, SS and SSI benefit information reported in EIV originates from the SSA. If you dispute this information, contact the SSA at (800) 772–1213, or visit their website at: www.socialsecurity.gov. You may need to visit your local SSA office to have disputed death information corrected.

Additional Verification. The PHA, with your consent, may submit a third party verification form to the provider (or reporter) of your income for completion and submission to the PHA.

You may also provide the PHA with third party documents (i.e. pay stubs, benefit award letters, bank statements, etc.) which you may have in your possession.

Identity Theft. Unknown EIV information to you can be a sign of identity theft. Sometimes someone else may use your SSN, either on purpose or by accident. So, if you suspect someone is using your SSN, you should check your Social Security records to ensure your income is calculated correctly (call SSA at (800) 772-1213); file an identity theft complaint with your local police department or the Federal Trade Commission (call FTC at (877) 438-4338, or you may visit their website at: http://www.ftc.gov). Provide your PHA with a copy of your identity theft complaint.

Where can I obtain more information on EIV and the income verification process?

Your PHA can provide you with additional information on EIV and the income verification process. You may also read more about EIV and the income verification process on HUD's Public and Indian Housing EIV web pages at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/htip/uiv.cfm.

The information in this Guide pertains to applicants and participants (tenants) of the following HUD-PIH rental assistance programs:

- 1. Public Housing (24 CFR 960); and
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), (24 CFR 982); and
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (24 CFR 882); and
- 1. Project-Based Voucher (24 CFR 983)

My signature below is confirmation that I have received this Guide.

Signature Date



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban DevelopmentOffice 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 08/31/2016.

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.

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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.

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 provided by the below-listed PHA:	I hereby acknowledge that the PHA provided me with the Debts Owed to PHAs & Termination Notice:			
	Signature	Date		
	Printed Name			

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