



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

SECTION 8 TENANT NEWSLETTER

April - May 2014

Section 8 Advisory Meeting

Section 8 Advisory Meetings give you the opportunity to provide the HACLA with input on Section 8 policies, procedures, and practices, as well as to learn about changes and challenges to the Section 8 program. The following is the next upcoming meeting in 2014:

Date & Time	Location
Friday, June 20, 2014, 3:00pm	Section 8 South Office 19600 Hamilton Ave. Training Room Torrance, CA 90502

If you would like to attend, you may register online at www.hacla.org, click on "Calendar of Events" or by e-mail S8Advisory@hacla.org.

Individual Shared Responsibility Payment

Under the Affordable Care Act, most people were required to have health insurance coverage by the end of the open enrollment period which closed on March 31, 2014. Those who do not have health insurance coverage will have to pay a fine known as the individual shared responsibility payment. The fine in 2014 is 1% of your yearly income, or \$95 per person for the year, whichever is higher. The fine increases every year. In 2016 it will be 2.5% of income or \$695 per person, whichever is higher.

You can avoid paying the individual shared responsibility payment by enrolling in health insurance, but people with extremely low incomes and those who are homeless can qualify for exemption.

Exemptions from the individual responsibility payment can be granted. To see the list of exemptions visit www.healthcare.gov/exemptions/

For more information on the Affordable Care Act visit HUD's website www.onecpd.info/aca/

Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) Workshops

These workshops provide a basic overview of the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO), discuss options landlords may use to adjust rents legally under the RSO, and review changes to local and state law that affect both landlords and tenants. Below is the schedule of upcoming workshops. Call Housing Community Investment Department (HCID) at (213) 928-9075 to RSVP.

Location	Date and time
1200 W. 7th Street, Rm 100, LA, CA 90017	5/13 - 2:00pm, 5/28 - 6:30pm
6640 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91405	5/15 - 10:30am
690 Knox Street, Suite 125, LA, CA 90502	5/20 - 10:00am
1645 Corinth Ave., Rm 200, LA, CA 90025	5/27 - 2:00pm

How to Get Proof of Social Security Numbers or Benefits

The Social Security Administration no longer issues Social Security number (SSN) printouts and their field offices will stop providing benefit verification letters.

You can obtain a benefit verification letter by registering for an account, or by calling the national toll-free number 1 (800) 772-1213, and using the automated application.

You can register for a Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and safely conduct business online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you require any additional information, please contact the Paid Benefits Retirement Division (PBRD) at (202) 402-7499.

Source: Social Security Administration

Limitations on Moving at the Family's Request

Participant families are denied a voucher to move for the following reasons:

- If a voucher was issued within the last 12 month period.
- If the S8 assistance is being terminated for program non-compliance.
- If scheduled for an informal hearing. A voucher to move can only be issued if the hearing decision reverses the termination.
- The family did not comply with a repayment agreement to pay amounts owed to the housing authority.
- Family failed to repair deficiencies noted at the last inspection.
- The initial lease agreement did not reach the twelve month expiration date.

All requirements regarding voucher expiration remain the same.

Benefits for Participants of the GAIN Program

If you are a participant of the GAIN program through the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), and you have:

- Completed Job Club/Job Services Activity (with LACOE)
- Taken an Assessment Test (within a 4 year period).
- Not participated in a Paid Work Experience or On the Job Training activity in the last 12 months or you are not currently a part of the Random Study Demonstration group.
- Received documentation to indicate you are a Post Time Limited Individual—your time clock cannot have expired for more than four months.

You may be eligible for services which enable you to gain employment. For more information contact your GAIN Service Worker.

Source: DPSS

You can view property listings online at: www.hacla.org. Click on the “Property Listings” link on the right-hand side of the main page. You can also call the toll free phone number at 1-877-428-8844 to receive printed listings.

If you suspect anyone of committing fraud, please call (800) 461-9330, or file a report online at: www.mysafeworkplace.com. Your name will remain anonymous.

You can find the Tenant Newsletter online at: http://www.hacla.org/tnt_news_1/