



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

SECTION 8 TENANT NEWSLETTER

November 2011

Terminations and Denials of Section 8 Assistance

Keep your Section 8 assistance by complying with Section 8 regulations, and the Family Obligations signed by all household members of your family 18 years or older.

The Housing Authority may deny or terminate the housing assistance of any applicant or participant for any of the following reasons:

- If you or a family member have any prior drug related eviction from federally assisted housing, including illegal drug use or possession, prior drug related criminal activity, methamphetamine production or manufacture.
- If you or a family member have any prior violent criminal history, or are a registered sex offender, or abuse alcohol.
- If you or a family member refuse to complete the income verification, or citizenship forms, or fail to provide social security information.
- If you or a family member engage in abusive or violent behavior or threaten any Housing Authority employee.
- If you or a family member were terminated from Section 8 for cause, such as skips (moving out of the unit without proper notice), Housing Quality Standard violations (uncorrected deficiencies of the unit), or other program violations.
- If you or a family member were evicted from Assisted Housing (Section 8 program, or Public Housing).
- If you or a family member, including live-in aides, owe money to any Housing Authority.
- If you or a family member refuse to sign the Criminal History Request or to be fingerprinted.
- If you or a family member commit fraud, bribery, or any corrupt or criminal act in connection with the program.

You also must not:

- Commit any serious or repeated violation of the lease.
- Use your unit mainly as a place of business rather than as a place to live.
- Give the landlord any money or pay more rent than the Housing Authority allows.
- Rent from a relative.
- Sign over the lease or charge someone else rent for the unit or a part of the unit.
- Be an owner of the unit you are living in (unless it is a mobile home) or have any interest in the unit.

The Housing Authority will provide written notice to you of the termination of your Section 8 assistance, due to any of the stated reasons. You will then have 30 days, upon written notice to request an Informal Hearing to contest your termination.

To avoid losing assistance you must comply with program rules, and notify your Section 8 Advisor within 30 days if there are any changes to your income, assets, household composition, and any other changes that may affect your assistance.

If you do not have your Section 8 Advisor's contact information, you will find the contact information for Section 8 Department offices on the next page of this newsletter.

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

Property Listings

The Housing Authority is currently working with a nonprofit agency, Socialserve. You can find listings of available units online, at www.hacla.org under "Property Listings." You can also call the toll free phone number at 1-877-428-8844 to receive printed property listings.

Importance of Submitting Requests in Writing

Whether you are requesting your landlord to make repairs, or you would like a voucher to move, or you have had a change in your income, assets, or family composition it is important that you submit requests in writing. Written requests provide evidence of your efforts, and eliminate conflicts that may arise from the misunderstandings resulting from oral conversations.

Be sure to address your request to the appropriate party, and retain dated copies of your requests for your own records. Please send a copy to your Section 8 Advisor.

Section 8 Walk-In Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Section 8 East and West Offices: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Section 8 Valley Office: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Section 8 South Office: 8:00am to 3:00pm

Monday through Friday

Special Programs Operations (SPO)/ Administration (SPA): 8:00am to 4:00pm

Please do not bring any children under the age of 18 to the Housing Authority for appointments or for walk-ins.

Ombudspersons

The ombudspersons work to resolve Section 8 participant and owner disputes. The following is a list of our Ombudspersons, their respective offices and telephone number:

Section 8 Administration

Christine McKinney: (213) 252-5420

Section 8 Service Delivery

Anne Biondi: (213) 252-2668

Yolanda Marlowe: (213) 252-2596

Application Processing, Issuance & Contracting

Serina Cannon: (213) 252-1613

Special Programs Operations & Administration

Vonciel Brown: (213) 252-4260

Section 8 Offices

All questions and concerns about your S8 Program participation should be directed to your S8 Advisor. Your advisor is prepared to answer any questions you may have. If you do not have your S8 Advisor's contact information, please call: (213) 252-2500 or e-mail tenants.s8@hacla.org.

Following is the contact information of our offices:

Section 8 Offices Located at:

2600 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90057

Office	Telephone Number
Special Programs Operations	(213) 252-1264
Special Programs Administration	(213) 252-4282
S8 Service Delivery Administration	(213) 252-2690
S8 East Office	(213) 252-2514
S8 West Office	(213) 252-2573
S8 Investigation Unit (SIU)	(800) 461-9330

Section 8 Offices Located at:

2500 Wilshire Blvd. 4th Flr.
Los Angeles, CA 90057

Office	Telephone Number
S8 Issuance and Contracting	(213) 252-3124
S8 Inspections	(213) 252-1802

S8 South Office

19600 Hamilton Ave.
Torrance, CA 90502
Telephone Number: (310) 225-6600

S8 Valley Office

6946 Van Nuys Blvd. Ste 100
Van Nuys, CA 91405
Telephone Number: (818) 756-1180

The Housing Authority will be closed for the following holidays:

Friday, November 11, 2011
Veteran's Day

Thursday & Friday, November 24-25, 2011
Thanksgiving Holiday

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