

Section 8 Waiting List



HACLA will open the Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher) Waiting List Lottery for online applications October 17 - 30, 2022

Application Process

- Interested families must apply online during the waiting list opening period.
- The simple application, which takes approximately 5-8 minutes, must be completed and submitted online using a smartphone, tablet, computer, or other electronic device with Internet access. Families and individuals without Internet access, can submit the online application at locations throughout the city that offer free use of their internet access or computers, such as public libraries.
- The online application will be available in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Armenian, and Tagalog.
- The application site requires a valid email address and phone number as well as the full name, date of birth, and Social Security number/Alien Registration number (if you have one) for the Head of Household and their Spouse/Co-Head (if applicable). Applicants must also provide a current residential address (if you have one), a mailing address, and the combined annual income for all household members
- Applying for the lottery does not guarantee a spot on the Section 8 Waiting List. At the end of the application period, a randomized, computer process will be used - together with HACLA's waiting list preferences, to select 30,000 applicants for the official waiting list.

Background

- HACLA's Section 8 Waiting List has been closed since 2017.
- HACLA currently administers more than 51,300 Section 8 vouchers.
- More than 365,000 applications are anticipated to be received during the application period.
- The Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher) program provides eligible low-income households with opportunities to live in rental homes owned by private property owners.
- Eligible families choose where they want to live, as long as the unit is approved by HACLA through 1) a health and safety inspection, and 2) a rent reasonableness and affordability determination. HACLA then pays a portion of the contracted rent as a "housing assistance payment (HAP)" to the landlord on behalf of the participant.
- The participant's portion of the contracted rent is based on 30% of the household's monthly adjusted income or the monthly minimum rent requirement of \$50, whichever is greater (unless the participant is determined to be exempt from the minimum requirement).
- To be eligible, the household's combined annual income must be below the very-low income limit:

City of Los Angeles 50% Very Low-Income Limits - Fiscal Year 2022
Persons in Household • Maximum Household Income

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
\$41,700	\$47,650	\$53,600	\$59,550	\$64,350	\$69,100	\$73,850	\$78,650	\$83,400	\$88,150

More Information

We appreciate your patience as we continue to finalize details for this application period. More information will be available in early October!

