



State of Hawaii
Hawaii Public Housing Authority

OPENING OF SECTION 8 WAITING LIST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) in accordance with §15-185-28, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Section 8 Covid-19 Emergency Rules, Hawaii Revised Statutes, regulations outlined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the HPHA's Section 8 Administrative Plan, will temporarily reopen the waiting list for applicants with a preference.

The HPHA will have the waiting list open for applicants to apply for the following programs:

March 22, 2021 – March 26, 2021

- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program

March 29, 2021 – March 31, 2021

- Palolo Valley Homes Project-Based Section 8 (4-bedroom units)

Online applications will be accepted from eligible applicants who meet the following preference: 1) Non-elderly persons with a disability.

To qualify, an applicant must have a member of the household who:

1. Has a disability; AND
2. The disabled individual must be at least eighteen (18) years of age but not yet sixty-two (62).

The online application portal will be opened for five days starting on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. and closing on Friday, March 26, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. for the HCV Waitlist, and for three days starting on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. and closing on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. for the Palolo Project-Based 4-bedroom waitlist.

What is Section 8: Section 8 is a program that provides rental assistance to eligible very low-income families and guarantees monthly payments to owners. The family's portion of the rent is based on household income and ranges from 30% to 40% of the family's adjusted monthly income. HPHA pays the rest of the rent directly to the landlord. HPHA serves the City and County of Honolulu. With some restrictions, Section 8 housing assistance allows families to live in a qualified unit and area of their choice.

How do I submit an application? Pre-applications can only be submitted online. Devices such as mobile phones and tablets with Internet access may be used; however, not all operating systems support this pre-application. No pre-applications will be accepted at the Housing Authority's office.

1. Be prepared by having the names, dates of birth, and Social Security Numbers available for all persons who will be listed on your pre-application. You will need to know the monthly gross income (before taxes) for each source of income for all persons listed on your pre-application. You must list all the sources of income individually.
2. Complete the pre-application on-line at hpha.myhousing.com by clicking on "Start Here".
3. Submit a completed pre-application between 8:00 a.m. on March 22, 2021 and 4:30 p.m. on March 26, 2021 for the HCV Waitlist and 8:00 a.m. on March 29, 2021 and 4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2021 for the Project-Based Waitlist. Pre-applications submitted after this period will be automatically rejected by the system and not accepted. Applications not fully completed (i.e., in the middle of submission) prior to the closing will be rejected.
4. Print your receipt or write down your Pre-Application Confirmation Number. A confirmation receipt is issued immediately after the pre-application is submitted. Print and save this confirmation.

No duplicate applications will be accepted. Any duplicate applications with same or similar household members will have both applications denied. Prior to adding any households to the waiting list the HPHA will conduct extensive crosschecks to remove duplicate applications. Submitting a duplicate application will not improve your chances of being issued a voucher.

Does submitting a pre-application mean I'm on the wait list? No. HPHA has adopted a lottery/random selection policy. Following the closing of the waitlist, HPHA will randomly select 1,000 applicants to be placed on the HCV waitlist, and 200 applicants to be placed on the Palolo Valley Homes Project-Based 4-bedroom waitlist. The order of all applicants selected to be on the wait list will be by random selection. Issuance will continue until the waitlist has expired, or the HPHA has filled all available vouchers.

The public is reminded that there is no charge to apply. Applicants are encouraged to immediately report any individual or organization who attempts to charge a fee for completion of the application process. Applicants should not respond to any fraudulent requests for an application fee.

Visit the HPHA's website at www.hpha.hawaii.gov for more information about our programs. Complete the pre-application on-line at hpha.myhousing.com by clicking on "Start Here".

Applicants who require a reasonable accommodation, must contact the HPHA before Friday, March 19, 2021 for assistance. Please call (808)832-6040 or email hpha.section8waitlist@hawaii.gov.

Within approximately 10 days of waiting list closure, applicants will be sent a notice by email or mail if they were placed on the Section 8 HCV or Project-Based waiting list or not. Please do not call the HPHA offices prior to receiving this notice as no information will be given over the phone regarding application placement.

Interpreters will be available via zoom.

Go to www.hpha.hawaii.gov or www.hphaishereforyou.com for the link

HVC Waitlist Interpreter Schedule			
Monday	3/22	9 am – 11 am 1 pm – 3 pm 3 pm – 4:30 pm	Marshallese Cantonese/Mandarin Vietnamese
Tuesday	3/23	9 am – 11 am 1 pm – 3pm	Chuukese Korean
Palolo Project-Based Waitlist Interpreter Schedule			
Monday	3/29	9 am – 11 am 1 pm – 3 pm 3 pm – 4:30 pm	Marshallese Cantonese/Mandarin Vietnamese
Tuesday	3/30	9 am – 11 am 1 pm – 3pm	Chuukese Korean

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