HACLA OPENS SECTION 8 WAITLIST

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is opening its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List for online pre-applications in mid-October.

Pre-Application Process

- Interested families must submit a pre-application online during the waiting list opening.
- The simple pre-application, which takes approximately 5-8 minutes to complete, must be submitted online using a smartphone, tablet, computer, or other electronic device with Internet access. If an interested family does not have Internet access, they can submit the pre-application online at locations throughout the City that offer free use of their computers, such as public libraries.
- The pre-application will be available in multiple languages, and requires the applicant’s name, date of birth, mailing address, email address, household income, and number of household members.
- Applicants must have a valid e-mail address to apply.
- Submitting a pre-application does not guarantee a spot on the Section 8 Waiting List. At the end of the application period, a randomized, computer process will be utilized together with HACLA’s program preferences for Los Angeles residents and veterans, to select 20,000 applicants that will be placed on the waiting list.

Background

- The Section 8 Waiting List has been closed since 2004.
- HACLA administers more than 49,000 Section 8 vouchers.
- More than 600,000 pre-applications are anticipated being received.
- The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program provides eligible low-income households with opportunities to live in rental homes owned by private property owners.
  - Voucher-holders (Participants) choose where they want to live, as long as the unit is 1) approved by HACLA through an inspection, and 2) it is determined that the rent is reasonable and affordable for the family. HACLA pays a portion of the contracted rent in the form of a housing assistance payment (HAP) to the landlord on behalf of the Participant.
  - The Participant’s Portion of the 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 exempt from the minimum rent requirement of $50). The Housing Authority pays the rest of the contract rent to the landlord.

According to Federal rules, 75% of newly admitted families each year must have income under the extremely low income limit, which are below the income limits listed here:

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