

# SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

## HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

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### HOW TO APPLY:

A family member (preferably the Head or Spouse) may come in person to the above address for an application. Applicants will be asked to provide information regarding their current housing need, previous housing, income, assets, birth dates, marriage dates, divorce dates and military service dates. Balance owed to HPHA must be cleared before applying. Credit status of applicants may be cleared with the Credit Bureau of Hawaii before placement.

### GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. 18 years old or older, single, a family of two or more individuals who intend to live together as a unit and whose income and resources are available to meet their needs.
2. Income is within the limits set forth.
3. No outstanding balance due to HPHA (Formerly Hawaii Housing Authority)
4. Personal Conduct will not be detrimental to the project or its residents.
5. Former tenant and have not been evicted since March 1, 1985.
6. Meet the occupancy requirements set forth by HPHA.

**NOTE:** Hawaii's Public Housing and Rent Subsidy program does not condone drug usage. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority does not discriminate against any person because of race, color, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, religion or any other non-merit factors.

### INCOME LIMITS (Yearly Gross Income):

| Number of Persons | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Admission         | 26,100   | 29,800   | 33,550   | 37,250   | 40,250   | 43,200   | 46,200   | 49,150   |

### ORDER OF PRIORITY AND PREFERENCES:

1. Victim of Domestic Violence.
2. Homeless residing in a transitional shelter with a social service plan.
3. Involuntary displacement.
4. Living in substandard housing.
5. Paying more than 50% of family income towards rent and utilities.
6. Veterans and veteran's surviving spouse.
7. Resident who live and/or work in county.
8. Victims of reprisal or hate crimes.
9. Working families and those unable to work because of age or disability

### ISSUANCE OF VOUCHERS OF FAMILY PARTICIPATION:

Vouchers will be issued based on the applicant's position on the waiting list. Proof of an applicant's eligibility for the program must also be obtained before a voucher can be issued, e.g., verification of income, assets, family composition, status, etc.

### WHAT KIND OF HOUSING IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

Any decent, safe, and sanitary unit on Oahu where the owner is willing to participate in this program.

### HOW MUCH IS THE FAMILY'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS RENT?

The Payment Standard Schedule (**which includes utilities**) allows a family to shop for and choose a unit above or below the Payment Standard. A family renting a unit below the Payment Standard pays the highest of: 30% of monthly adjusted income, 10% of monthly income, or minimum rent, plus any rent above the Payment Standard. If a family selects a smaller size unit than what they have been certified for, the smaller size Payment Standard will be used to determine the amount of assistance. A family must not pay more than 40% of adjusted income for rent when the family first receives Section 8 tenant based assistance and each time a participant family moves to a new unit. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) also state and charges the Hawaii Public Housing Authority the responsibility of setting rents for any given unit to be no more than comparable rents similar units in similar areas.

### PAYMENT STANDARD SCHEDULE

City and County of Honolulu

Effective 10/1/2007

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>0-BR</u> | <u>1-BR</u> | <u>2-BR</u> | <u>3-BR</u> | <u>4-BR</u> | <u>5-BR</u> |
| \$1,018     | \$1,214     | \$1,467     | \$2,140     | \$2,520     | \$2,898     |