

# APPLYINGFORHUD HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

# THINK ABOUT THIS... IS FRAUD WORTH IT?

#### Do You Realize

If you commit fraud to obtain assisted housing from HUD, you could be:

- Evicted from your apartment or house.
- Required to repay all overpaid rental assistance you received.
- Fined up to \$10,000.
- Imprisoned for up to five years.
- Prohibited from receiving future assistance.
- Subject to State and local government penalties.

#### Do You Know...

You are committing fraud if you sign a form knowing that you provided false or misleading information.

The information you provide on housing assistance application and recertification forms will be checked. The local housing agency, HUD, or the Office of Inspector General will check the income and asset information you provide with other Federal, State, or local governments and with private agencies. Certifying false information is fraud.

#### So Be Careful!

When you fill out your application and yearly recertification for assisted housing from HUD, make sure your answers to the questions are accurate and honest. You must include:

All sources of income and changes in income you or any members of your household receive, such as wages, welfare payments, social security and veterans' benefits, pensions, retirement, etc.

Any money you receive on behalf of your children, such as child support, AFDC payments, social security for children, etc.

Any increase in income, such as wages from a new job or an expected pay raise or bonus.

All assets, such as bank accounts, savings bonds, certificates of deposit, stocks, real estate, etc., that are owned by you or any member of your household.

All income from assets, such as interest from savings and checking accounts, stock dividends, etc.

Any business or asset (your home) that you sold in the last two years at less than full value.

The names of everyone, adults or children, relatives and non-relatives, who are living with you and make up your household.

(Important Notice for Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Evacuees: HUD's reporting requirements may be temporarily waived or suspended because of your circumstances. Contact the local housing agency before you complete the housing assistance application.)

#### **Ask Questions**

If you don't understand something on the application or recertification forms, always ask questions. It's better to be safe than sorry.

#### Watch Out for Housing Assistance Scams!

- Don't pay money to have someone fill out housing assistance application and recertification forms for you.
- Don't pay money to move up on a waiting list.
- Don't pay for anything that is not covered by your lease.
- Get a receipt for any money you pay.
- Get a written explanation if you are required to pay for anything other than rent (maintenance or utility charges).

#### Report Fraud

If you know of anyone who provided false information on a HUD housing assistance application or recertification or if anyone tells you to provide false information, report that person to the HUD Office of Inspector General Hotline. You can call the Hotline toll-free Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, at 1-800-347-3735. You can fax information to (202) 708-4829 or e-mail it to <a href="https://hotline@hudoig.gov">Hotline@hudoig.gov</a>. You can write the Hotline at:



HUD OIG Hotline, GFI 451 7th St., SW Washington, DC 20410

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## WAUSAU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PUBLIC HOUSING/SCATTERED SITES APPLICATION

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### PERSON TO CONTACT

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## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

#### **INCOME**

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#### **Notice to all Applicants:**

#### Reasonable Accommodations for Applicants with Disabilities or Handicaps

The Community Development Authority of Wausau is a public agency that provides low rent housing to eligible families, elderly families and single people. CDA is not permitted to discriminate against applicants on the basis of their race, religion, sex, national origin, disability or handicap. In addition, CDA has a legal obligation to provide "reasonable accommodations" to applicants if they or any family members have a disability or handicap.

A reasonable accommodation is some modification or change CDA can make to its apartments or procedures that will assist an otherwise eligible applicant with a disability to take advantage of CDA's programs. Examples of reasonable accommodations would include:

- Making alterations to a CDA unit so it could be used by a family member with a wheelchair;
- Installing strobe type flashing light smoke detectors in an apartment for a family with a hearing impaired member;
- Permitting a family to have a seeing eye dog to assist a vision-impaired family member in a CDA family development where dogs are not usually permitted;
- Making large type documents or a reader available to a vision-impaired applicant during the application process;
- Making a sign language interpreter available to a hearing impaired applicant during the interview;
- Permitting an outside agency to assist an applicant with a disability to meet the CDA's applicant screening criteria.

An applicant family that has a member with a disability must still be able to meet essential obligations of tenancy - they must be able to pay rent, to care for their apartment, to report required information to the Community Development Authority, to avoid disturbing their neighbors, etc, but there is no requirement that they be able to do these things without assistance.

If you or a member of your family have a disability or handicap and think you might need or want a reasonable accommodation, you may request it at any time in the application process or after admission. This is up to you. If you would prefer not to discuss your situation with the housing authority, that is your right.

#### SPECIAL UNIT REQUIREMENT(S) QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is to be administered to every applicant for public housing at the Community Development Authority of Wausau. It is used to determine whether an applicant family needs special features in their housing unit. The need for special adaption's must be verified in order to assure that the limited number of units with special features go to families that actually need the features.

1. Will you or any member of your family re	quire any of the following?		
A separate bedroom	Unit for Vision-Impaired		
A barrier-free apartment Unit for Hearing-Impaired			
One-level unit	Bedroom & Bath on 1st floor		
Other modifications to unit	Extra Bedroom		
2. Can you and all family members use the s	tairs unassisted?		
*If NO, please indicate how the CDA sh	ould accommodate your family:		

3. Will you or any of your family members require a live-in aide to assist you?   Yes*  No  *If YES, please explain	
4. If you checked any of the above listed categories of units, please explain exactly what you need to accommodate your situation:	
5. What is the name of the family member needing the features identified above?	
6. Whom should be contacted to verify your need for a special apartment?  Name  Address  Phone #	
Applicant Signature Date	
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	
Annual/Eligibility Income: Annual income is used to calculate rent and determine eligibility. It is the anticipated total income from all sources received by the Family head and spouse (even if temporarily absent) including all net income derived from assets, or the 12 month period following the effective date of initial determination or reexamination of income.	)
Rents are based on 30% of estimated adjusted annual income.	
I/We, the undersigned, understand that this is not a contract and does not bind either party. I/We certify that the above information on household composition, income, net family assets is full, true and complete to the bof my knowledge. I/We have no objections to inquiries being made for the purpose of verifying the statement made herein. I/We understand that false statements or information are punishable under Federal and State Laws. I/We also understand that false statements or information are grounds for termination of housing assistance and termination of tenancy. I further agree to abide by and be bound by those rules and regulations of the Community Development Authority of the City of Wausau, WI relating to admission qualifications where the community Development Authority, located at 550 E. Thomas Street, Wausau, WI 54403-6442.	est its
APPLICANT/TENANT CERTIFICATION	
APPLICANT(S)/TENANT(S) STATEMENT  I/We certify that the information given to the Wausau Community Development Authority on household composition, income, net family assets, and all allowances and deductions is accurate and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. I/We understand that false statements or information are punishable under Federal and State laws. I/We also understand that false statements or information are grounds for termination housing assistance and termination of tenancy.	
Signature of Head of Household Date Signature of Spouse/Other Adult Date	

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If you believe you have been discriminated against, you may call the Fair housing and Equal Opportunity
National Toll-free Hot Line at 1-800-424-8590.

Use this form for reexaminations effective on or after January 1, 2024. Use form HUD-9886 for reexaminations effective prior to January 1, 2024.

## Authorization for the Release of Information/Privacy Act Notice to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public and Indian Housing

PHA or IHA requesting release of information (full address, name of contact person, and date):

WAUSAU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 550 E. THOMAS STREET WAUSAU, WI 54403

**Authority**: Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by Section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and Section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. This law is found at 42 U.S.C. 3544. This law requires you to sign a consent form authorizing: (1) HUD, and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA) to request verification of salary and wages from current or previous employers; (2) HUD and the HA to request wage and unemployment compensation claim information from the state agency responsible for keeping that information; and (3) HUD to request certain tax return information from the U.S. Social Security Administration and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Section 104 of the Housing Opportunity and Modernization Act of 2016. The relevant provisions are found at 42 U.S.C. 1437n. This law requires you to sign a consent form authorizing the HA to request verification of any financial record from any financial institutions as defined in the Right to Financial Privacy Act (12 U.S.C. 3401)), whenever the HA determines the record is needed to determine an applicant's or participant's eligibility for assistance or level of benefits.

**Purpose:** In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD and the above-named HA to request income information from the sources listed on the form. HUD and the HA need this information to verify your household's income, in order to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. HUD and the HA may participate in computer matching programs with these sources in order to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

Uses of Information to be Obtained: HUD is required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. HUD may disclose information (other than tax return information) for certain routine uses, such as to other government agencies for law enforcement purposes, to Federal agencies for employment suitability purposes and to HAs for the purpose of determining housing assistance. The HA is also required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with any applicable State privacy law. HUD and HA employees may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of the income information that is obtained based on the consent form. Private owners may not request or receive information authorized by this form.

Who Must Sign the Consent Form: Each member of your family who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the family or whenever members of the family become 18 years of age.

Persons who apply for or receive assistance under the following programs are required to sign this consent form:

Public Housing Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

**Failure to Sign Consent Form:** Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to the HA's grievance procedures and Section 8 informal hearing procedures.

**Revocation of consent:** If you revoke consent, the PHA will be unable to verify your information, although the data matches between HUD and other agencies will continue to automatically occur in the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System if the family is not terminated from the program.

#### Sources of Information to be Obtained

State Wage Information Collection Agencies. (This consent is limited to wages and unemployment compensation I have received when I have received assisted housing benefits.)

U.S. Social Security Administration (HUD only) (This consent is limited to the wage and self-employment information and payments of retirement income as referenced at Section 6103(l)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

U.S. Internal Revenue Service (HUD only) (This consent is limited to unearned income [i.e., interest and dividends].)

Information may also be obtained directly from: (a) current and former employers concerning salary and wages; and (b) financial institutions as defined in the Right to Financial Privacy Act (12 U.S.C. 3401), whenever the HA determines the record is needed to determine an applicant's or participant's eligibility for assistance or level of benefits. I understand that income information obtained from these sources will be used to verify information that I provide in determining eligibility for assisted housing programs and the level of benefits. Therefore, this consent form only authorizes release directly from employers and financial institutions of information.

Consent: I consent to allow HUD or the HA to request and obtain income information from the sources listed on this form for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under HUD's assisted housing programs. I understand that HAs that receive income information under this consent form cannot use it to deny, reduce or terminate assistance without first independently verifying what the amount was, whether I actually had access to the funds and when the funds were received. In addition, I must be given an opportunity to contest those determinations.

This consent form remains effective until the earliest of (i) the rendering of a final adverse decision for an assistance applicant; (ii) the cessation of a participant's eligibility for assistance from HUD and the PHA; or (iii) The express revocation by the assistance applicant or recipient (or applicable family member) of the authorization, in a written notification to HUD or the PHA.

Head of Household	Date		
Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household	<u></u>	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Spouse	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date

**Privacy Advisory.** Authority: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19). Purpose: This form authorizes HUD and the above-named HA to request income information to verify your household's income in order to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. Failure to provide any of the requested information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

Penalties for Misusing this Consent: HUD and the HA (or any employee of HUD or the HA) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form. Use of the information collected based on the form HUD 9886 is restricted to the purposes cited on the form HUD 9886. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains, or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD or the HA for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.

OMB Burden Statement. The public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to be 0.16 hours for new admissions and .08 hours for household members turning 19, including the time for reviewing, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Collection of information income and assets is required for program eligibility determination purposes. The submission of the consent form is necessary (form-HUD 9886) so that PHAs can carry out the requirements of Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by Section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and Section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 3544) and Section 104 of HOTMA to ensure that HUD and PHAs can verify eligibility and income information for applicants and participants. This information collection is protected from disclosure by the Privacy Act. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions to reduce this burden, to the Office of Public and Indian Housing, US. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410. When providing comments, please refer to OMB Approval No. 2577-0295. HUD may not conduct and sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Signatures:

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

#### **CONSENT**

I authorize and direct any Federal, State, or local agency, organization, business, or individual to release to and verify my application for participation, and/or to maintain my continued assistance under the Low-Income Public Housing. I understand and agree that this authorization or the information obtained with its use, may be given to and used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in administering and enforcing program rules and policies. I also consent for HUD or the manager to release information from my file about my rental history to HUD, credit bureaus, collection agencies, or future landlords. This includes records on my payment history, and any violations of my lease or occupancy policies.

#### INFORMATION COVERED

I understand that, depending on program policies and requirements, previous or current information regarding my household or me may be needed. Verifications and inquires that may be requested, include but are not limited to:

Identity and Marital Status Medical or Child Care Allowances Residences and Rental Activity **Employment, Income, and Assets Credit and Criminal Activity** 

#### GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL THAT MAY BE ASKED

The groups or individuals that may be asked to release the above information (depending on program requirements) include but are not limited to:

Previous Landlords (including Public Housing Agencies)
Courts and Post Offices
Schools and Colleges
Law Enforcement Agencies
Medical and Child Care Providers
Retirement Systems
Utility Companies
Credit Providers and Credit Bureaus

Past and Present Employers
Welfare Agencies
State Unemployment Agencies
Social Security Administration
Support and Alimony Providers
Veterans Administration
Banks and other Financial Institutions
State of Wisconsin

#### **CONDITIONS**

I agree that a photocopy of this authorization may be used for the purposes stated above. The original of this authorization is on file in the management office, and will stay in effect for a year and one month from the date signed. I understand I have a right to review my file and correct any information that I can prove is incorrect.

SIGNATURE AND PRINTED NAME OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

DATE

#### SIGNATURE AND PRINTED NAME OF OTHER ADULT MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD

Supplemental and Optional Contact Information for HUD-Assisted Housing Applicants

#### SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING

This form is to be provided to each applicant for federally assisted housing

**Instructions: Optional Contact Person or Organization**: You have the right by law to include as part of your application for housing, the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or social, health, advocacy, or other organization. This contact information is for the purpose of identifying a person or organization that may be able to help in resolving any issues that may arise during your tenancy or to assist in providing any special care or services you may require. **You may update, remove, or change the information you provide on this form at any time.** You are not required to provide this contact information, but if you choose to do so, please include the relevant information on this form.

Applicant Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:	
Name of Additional Contact Person or Organization:		
Address:		
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:	
E-Mail Address (if applicable):		
Relationship to Applicant:		
Reason for Contact: (Check all that apply)		
Emergency Unable to contact you Termination of rental assistance Eviction from unit	Assist with Recertification Proceeding Change in lease terms Change in house rules Other:	Late payment of rent
<b>Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner:</b> If you are apprarise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special issues or in providing any services or special care to you.		
<b>Confidentiality Statement:</b> The information provided on this fo applicant or applicable law.	rm is confidential and will not be discl	osed to anyone except as permitted by the
<b>Legal Notification:</b> Section 644 of the Housing and Community requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offered organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibition programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, see age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.	ed the option of providing information and the option of provider agrees to comply with the association of a discrimination in admission to or provided the option of the	regarding an additional contact person or non-discrimination and equal opportunity participation in federally assisted housing
Check this box if you choose not to provide the contact	information.	
Signature of Applicant		Date

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) imposed on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization. The objective of providing such information is to facilitate contact by the housing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing any delivery of services or special care to the tenant and assist with resolving any tenancy issues arising during the tenancy of such tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information is basic to the operations of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Privacy Statement: Public Law 102-550, authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to collect all the information (except the Social Security Number (SSN)) which will be used by HUD to protect disbursement data from fraudulent actions.



## U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

#### **DEBTS OWED TO PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES AND TERMINATIONS**

**Paperwork Reduction Notice:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7 minutes per response. This includes the time for respondents to read the document and certify, and any recordkeeping burden. This information will be used in the processing of a tenancy. Response to this request for information is required to receive benefits. The agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB Number is 2577-0266, and expires 10/31/2019.

#### NOTICE TO APPLICANTS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE FOLLOWING HUD RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

- Public Housing (24 CFR 960)
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, including the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (24 CFR 982)
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (24 CFR 882)
- Project-Based Voucher (24 CFR 983)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development maintains a national repository of debts owed to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) or Section 8 landlords and adverse information of former participants who have voluntarily or involuntarily terminated participation in one of the above-listed HUD rental assistance programs. This information is maintained within HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system, which is used by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and their management agents to verify employment and income information of program participants, as well as, to reduce administrative and rental assistance payment errors. The EIV system is designed to assist PHAs and HUD in ensuring that families are eligible to participate in HUD rental assistance programs and determining the correct amount of rental assistance a family is eligible for. All PHAs are required to use this system in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 5.233.

HUD requires PHAs, which administers the above-listed rental housing programs, to report certain information at the conclusion of your participation in a HUD rental assistance program. This notice provides you with information on what information the PHA is required to provide HUD, who will have access to this information, how this information is used and your rights. PHAs are required to provide this notice to all applicants and program participants and you are required to acknowledge receipt of this notice by signing page 2. Each adult household member must sign this form.

#### What information about you and your tenancy does HUD collect from the PHA?

The following information is collected about each member of your household (family composition): full name, date of birth, and Social Security Number.

The following adverse information is collected once your participation in the housing program has ended, whether you voluntarily or involuntarily move out of an assisted unit:

- 1. Amount of any balance you owe the PHA or Section 8 landlord (up to \$500,000) and explanation for balance owed (i.e. unpaid rent, retroactive rent (due to unreported income and/ or change in family composition) or other charges such as damages, utility charges, etc.); and
- 2. Whether or not you have entered into a repayment agreement for the amount that you owe the PHA; and
- 3. Whether or not you have defaulted on a repayment agreement; and
- 4. Whether or not the PHA has obtained a judgment against you; and
- 5. Whether or not you have filed for bankruptcy; and
- 6. The negative reason(s) for your end of participation or any negative status (i.e., abandoned unit, fraud, lease violations, criminal activity, etc.) as of the end of participation date.

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#### Who will have access to the information collected?

This information will be available to HUD employees, PHA employees, and contractors of HUD and PHAs.

#### How will this information be used?

PHAs will have access to this information during the time of application for rental assistance and reexamination of family income and composition for existing participants. PHAs will be able to access this information to determine a family's suitability for initial or continued rental assistance, and avoid providing limited Federal housing assistance to families who have previously been unable to comply with HUD program requirements. If the reported information is accurate, a PHA may terminate your current rental assistance and deny your future request for HUD rental assistance, subject to PHA policy.

#### How long is the debt owed and termination information maintained in EIV?

Debt owed and termination information will be maintained in EIV for a period of up to ten (10) years from the end of participation date or such other period consistent with State Law.

#### What are my rights?

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 USC 552a) and HUD regulations pertaining to its implementation of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (24 CFR Part 16), you have the following rights:

- 1. To have access to your records maintained by HUD, subject to 24 CFR Part 16.
- 2. To have an administrative review of HUD's initial denial of your request to have access to your records maintained by HUD.
- 3. To have incorrect information in your record corrected upon written request.
- 4. To file an appeal request of an initial adverse determination on correction or amendment of record request within 30 calendar days after the issuance of the written denial.
- 5. To have your record disclosed to a third party upon receipt of your written and signed request.

#### What do I do if I dispute the debt or termination information reported about me?

If you disagree with the reported information, you should contact in writing the PHA who has reported this information about you. The PHA's name, address, and telephone numbers are listed on the Debts Owed and Termination Report. You have a right to request and obtain a copy of this report from the PHA. Inform the PHA why you dispute the information and provide any documentation that supports your dispute. HUD's record retention policies at 24 CFR Part 908 and 24 CFR Part 982 provide that the PHA may destroy your records three years from the date your participation in the program ends. To ensure the availability of your records, disputes of the original debt or termination information must be made within three years from the end of participation date; otherwise the debt and termination information will be presumed correct. Only the PHA who reported the adverse information about you can delete or correct your record.

Your filing of bankruptcy will not result in the removal of debt owed or termination information from HUD's EIV system. However, if you have included this debt in your bankruptcy filing and/or this debt has been discharged by the bankruptcy court, your record will be updated to include the bankruptcy indicator, when you provide the PHA with documentation of your bankruptcy status.

The PHA will notify you in writing of its action regarding your dispute within 30 days of receiving your written dispute. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is incorrect, the PHA will update or delete the record. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is correct, the PHA will provide an explanation as to why the information is correct.

This Notice was provided by the below-listed PHA:	I hereby acknowledge that the PHA provided me with the Debts Owed to PHAs & Termination Notice:		
	Signature	Date	
	Printed Name		

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