



Housing Authority of the
County of Alameda

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SECTION 8 VOUCHER WAIT LIST LOTTERY

The Alameda County Housing Authority (HACA) will open its wait list lottery for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program and begin accepting pre-applications on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 12:01 a.m. It will stop accepting pre-applications on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. **Pre-applications can only be submitted online. No pre-applications will be accepted at the Housing Authority's office.** This wait list lottery will also be used to fill vacancies for two-bedroom Public Housing units, one- and two-bedroom Moderate Rehabilitation units, and one- and two-bedroom Project-Based Voucher units. Visit our website at www.haca.net for more information about our programs.

Lottery: Due to limited funding availability, not all pre-applicants will be placed on the wait list. Pre-applications will be selected using a random lottery system. The time and date of receipt of the pre-application online during the wait list opening period has no bearing on whether a pre-application will be selected for the wait list; therefore, there is no need or advantage to applying immediately after the list opens. Out of all the pre-applications received, 5,000 pre-applications will be randomly selected for placement on the wait list. Once these 5,000 pre-applications are selected, claimed preferences will be applied and ties will be broken by the lottery number randomly assigned to the pre-application. You will receive a postcard by October 31, 2015, confirming if you won the lottery and your pre-application was accepted or rejected for placement on the wait list.

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. HACA pays the rest of the rent directly to the landlord. HACA serves all of Alameda County except the cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Livermore and Oakland. With some restrictions, Section 8 housing assistance lets you live in a unit and city of your choice.

Qualifications to Apply: Any family, single, elderly and/or disabled person may apply who meets the following qualifications: **1.)** the Head of Household must be 18 years of age or older, or be an emancipated youth, at the time of application; **2.)** at least one person listed on the pre-application must be a U.S. citizen, eligible immigrant or Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitioner; **3.)** no person listed on the pre-application can be subject to a lifetime registration requirement under any of the 50 states' sex offender registration program; **4.)** no person listed on the pre-application can have been convicted of drug-related criminal activity for the production or manufacture of methamphetamine on the premises of federally-assisted housing; and **5.)** the total income (including wages, Social Security benefits, pensions, child support, unemployment benefits, CalWin (TANF), General Assistance, etc.) of all the persons listed on the pre-application must not exceed the following:

Household Size	Income Limit	Household Size	Income Limit	Household Size	Income Limit
1 Person	\$32,550	5 Persons	\$50,200	9 Persons	\$65,030
2 Persons	\$37,200	6 Persons	\$53,900	10 Persons	\$68,746
3 Persons	\$41,850	7 Persons	\$57,600	11 Persons	\$72,462
4 Persons	\$46,450	8 Persons	\$61,350	12 Persons	\$76,178

How to Apply: Pre-applications will be accepted on-line ONLY and may be submitted anytime day or night during the opening time period from any computer with Internet access. Other devices such as mobile phones and tablets with Internet access may also be used; however, not all operating systems support this pre-application. If your device does not allow you to successfully submit your pre-application,

you will need to use a computer to submit your pre-application. No paper pre-applications will be accepted.

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 also need to know the total yearly gross income (before taxes) for all persons listed on your pre-application. You will list all the amounts together as one dollar amount.
2. Complete the pre-application on-line at www.haca.net by clicking on "Apply Now." The pre-application will be available in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese.
3. Submit a completed pre-application between 12:01 a.m. on August 5, 2015 and 11:59 p.m. on August 11, 2015. Pre-applications submitted after this period will be rejected and not accepted to the wait list.
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. You will receive a postcard by October 31, 2015, confirming if you won the lottery and your pre-application was accepted or rejected for placement on the wait list. You will not receive further contract from HACA until HACA is ready to offer you assistance.
5. Recorded information is available by calling:

English	(510) 727-8588	Spanish	(510) 727-8546
Chinese	(510) 727-8530	Vietnamese	(510) 727-8594
Farsi	(510) 727-8552		

Reasonable Accommodation, Limited English Proficiency and Computer/Internet Access: Any computer with Internet access can be used to complete the pre-application. If you need computer access, are elderly (62 or older), have a disability, or are limited English proficient and require assistance to complete and submit your pre-application, please see the *Application Centers* chart at www.haca.net or pick one up at our office.

For persons with disabilities, if these application centers do not meet your needs, reasonable accommodations will be provided. A request for reasonable accommodation should be received by HACA no later than 11:59 p.m. Saturday, August 8, 2015, so that we have time to assist you before the wait list closes. Requests for reasonable accommodation can be made by submitting an email to ra@haca.net or leaving a voicemail at (510) 727-8512. Be sure to clearly state your name, telephone number and the reasonable accommodation you are requesting (e.g., I am a home-bound disabled person without Internet access who needs assistance with submitting my pre-application). Do not provide medical details of the disability in your email or voicemail.

NO Charge to Apply: There is no cost to apply for housing and a credit report is not needed to apply. Do not use any other website or search engine (like Google) to apply in order to ensure you are not charged for your application and are not subjected to possible identity theft. The best way to find the correct website to fill out the pre-application is to type www.haca.net directly into the website address bar usually located at the top left of the browser on the computer screen. Then follow the links to the pre-application.

Application Centers: To ensure availability and access to the online system, HACA has partnered with community organizations. During the wait list opening these organizations will have workstations with Internet access and/or provide assistance with the application process. Please see the *Application Centers* chart at www.haca.net or pick one up at our office for locations and the type of assistance provided.

Note: No applicant has the right or entitlement to be listed on the wait list, or to any particular position on the wait list. Placement on the wait list does not indicate that the family is, in fact, eligible for assistance. A final determination of eligibility will be made when the family is selected from the wait list.

