

Q: Does the Housing Authority have immediate openings?

A: No. New occupants are selected from an existing waiting list.

Q: How do I get on the waiting list?

A: Contact the Housing Authority to request an application; one will be mailed to you. Or, go to the "application" tab on the web site and download an application. Once the application is completed return it to the office for processing.

Q: How many applicants are on the waiting list, & is the list open?

A: You will have to call the office to obtain this information.

Q: Is there an income limit for your housing programs?

A: Eligibility is determined on your current family size, income and assets once your name reaches the top of the waiting list.

Q: How much would my rent be?

A: Your rent is based on your adjusted annual income (income + assets – medical expenses + allowances = adjusted income).

Q: What are the age requirements for elderly housing?

A: 60 or older for our State funded units, 62 and older for Federally funded units.

Q: If I am approved and on the waiting list for housing, do I have to do anything else?

A: When a unit becomes available we must be able to get in touch with you. It is your responsibility to keep us informed of your whereabouts.

Q: I've moved since I've applied for housing. How do I let your office know?

A: To report all address changes, you must notify the office in writing. We do not accept changes over the phone.

Q: I have some bad credit. Do you run a credit report?

A: No. We do not run credit reports when applying for our housing programs.

Q: How long does the application process take?

A: Most applications can be processed in 2 to 8 weeks. Once an applicant is approved they are put on a waiting list. We make every effort to place approved applicants into units as soon as possible. All information must be verified in writing and a slow response delays processing.

Q: What happens when my name reaches the top of the waiting list?

A: You will be notified by mail once your name reaches the top of our waiting list.

Q: I don't have kids. Am I eligible for Section 8?

A: Yes. You are housed according to your family size when your name reaches the top of the waiting list.

Q: Do I have to be a resident in Tewksbury to apply?

A: No.

Q: When will the family housing waitlist reopen?

A: The family housing waitlist is currently open.

Q: I am a veteran, do I get preference over others?

A: Yes. Local veterans receive preference on our State housing program only.