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The Section 8 housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market.

The Massachusetts Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Centralized Waiting List opened on January 6, 2003 in accordance with provisions contained in the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended. Ninety One (91) Massachusetts housing authorities utilize this one computerized list; all applicant information entered onto this list can be accessed and updated by any and all participating housing authorities. Waiting list information is secure and accessed only by authorized housing authority staff with special login codes.

The Massachusetts Centralized Section 8 Waiting List will remain open indefinitely.

The Waiting List is updated every two (2) years. For more info, go to Waiting List Update.

Participating Housing Authorities are accepting applications for the Centralized Waiting List at each location. Applicants need apply to only one of the participating housing authorities. (See How to Apply for preliminary application.)

The housing authorities have not been issued any additional Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers; vouchers will be issued based on turnover. For more information on the housing choice voucher program, visit the U.S. Department of HUD's web site.

Now you can access your application online!

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE APPLICANT ONLINE LOGIN PAGE

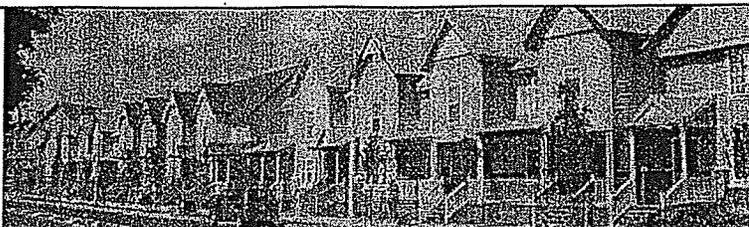
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Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Centralized Waiting List 2013 Update

The Massachusetts Centralized Waiting List is updated and purged in order to keep applicant information current and to remove applicants who are no longer interested.

The 2013 Update Letter was mailed on February 19, 2013.

The Deadline to respond was April 1, 2013.

If you do not respond to the update, your name was removed from the Centralized Waiting List.

If your name has been removed in error, please fill out a *'Request for Reinstatement'* form. Be sure to fill out all fields and add any additional information required.

[Click here for a Request for Reinstatement form.](#)

You can check the status of your application online by logging onto the [APPLICANT ONLINE PAGE.](#)

Questions?? Call toll-free 1-877-868-0040 or contact a participating housing authority.

The Centralized Waiting List is used by 91 housing authorities in Massachusetts.

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You may qualify for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in Massachusetts if your Gross Family Income is less than (family size/income):

Family Size	
1	2
36,050	41,200
46,350	51,500
55,650	59,750
63,900	68,000

** Maximum income limits based on Easton-Raynham area and Eastern Worcester County area income limits. (other areas of Massachusetts are lower)*

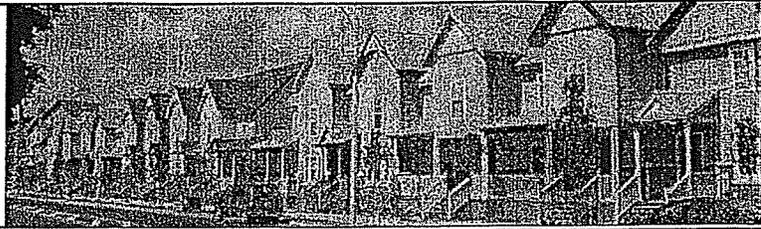
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How to Apply to the Centralized Waiting List**

Three ways to apply:

1. Apply online ([click link](#))
2. Download* and print a Preliminary Application.

Preliminary Application (*English*)
 Preliminary Application (*Portuguese*)
 Preliminary Application (*Spanish*)
 Preliminary Application (*Haitian Creole*)
 Preliminary Application (*Chinese*)
 Preliminary Application (*Russian*)
 Preliminary Application (*Vietnamese*)

* Click here to download a free copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader to view these documents if not already installed on your computer.

3. Contact a Participating Housing Authority to have an application mailed to you.

Important information when completing the application:

- Read the preliminary application carefully and complete it fully.
- Check ALL Preferences that Apply

Please read attached "Definitions of Preferences" to determine which apply to you, and check all that apply.

NOTE: Participating housing authorities may or may not use some or all of the preferences listed above. These definitions are minimum qualifications; housing authorities may have more specific criteria within a particular preference. Some participating housing authorities use no preferences and select by date & time only.

- Return Completed Application to a Participating Agency

Applications must be completed fully, signed and dated. Applicant needs to COMPLETE ONLY ONE PRELIMINARY APPLICATION and return it to ONE PARTICIPATING HOUSING AUTHORITY. By completing the one application, the applicant is included on the Centralized Waiting List and considered by ALL participating housing authorities.

Completed applications may be delivered in person or mailed to any participating housing authority. Copies, facsimiles or emails of completed applications will not be accepted. No documentation is needed at time of application. Applications will be accepted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability.

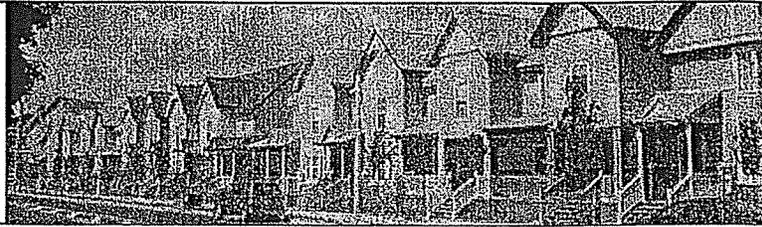
Reminder: Only ONE application per family will be accepted. There is no need to go to more than one participating agency to submit an application.

- If you have a disability and require an accommodation, please call any participating Housing Authority.

NOTE: Participating housing authorities may have **additional housing assistance programs available**. Please contact them directly to request information and applications for any additional housing assistance.

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Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Centralized Waiting List How to Check the Status of Your Application

This is one waiting list that is sorted differently by 91 individual housing authorities. Many housing authorities have a set of preferences to rank applicants; these preferences are based on the needs in the community. On the other hand, some housing authorities sort the list only by date and time of application. Because the list could be sorted 91 different ways, your "number on the list" is different at each housing authority. Your "number on the waiting list" doesn't matter. Instead of providing you with a number, a housing authority can confirm that you are actively waiting on the list.

Complete the Request for Status form and return it to a Participating Housing Authority or view your status *online*.

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE APPLICANT ONLINE LOGIN PAGE

It is important to keep your information current with the housing authority and you will be notified when you reach the top of the list.

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Please note that you must inform a participating housing authority of any change in your name, address, total family income or household composition. All inquires or changes must be made in writing.

Complete the Change of Address form and return it to a participating housing authorities or change your address *online*.

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE APPLICANT ONLINE LOGIN PAGE

If you do not respond to any correspondence mailed to you, or if your mail is returned for any reason, your name will be removed from this Centralized Waiting List.

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How do I find out where I am on the list?

Complete a Request for Status form found on www.section8listmass.org or send in a request in writing and send it to a participating housing authority near you. You can also check your status online at www.section8listmass.org by registering a username and password.

Why don't I get my 'number' on the waiting list?

This is one waiting list that is sorted differently by each participating housing authority. Many housing authorities have a set of preferences to rank applicants; these preferences are based on the needs in the community. On the other hand, some housing authorities sort the list only by date and time of application. Because the list is sorted differently by each participating housing authority, your "number on the list" is different at each housing authority. Instead of providing you with a number, it is more realistic for a housing authority to confirm that you are active on the list and possibly give you an estimate of the wait time based on its average agency turnover. It is important to keep your information current with the housing authority and you will be notified by mail when you reach the top of the list.

How do I report a change of address?

Complete a Change of Address Form found on www.section8listmass.org or write a letter stating your change of address and return it to a participating housing authority near you. Please be sure to include your old address, new address, your name and social security number. All participating housing authorities are able to look up and update any applicant's record, regardless of where the application was first entered into the system. You can also change your address and update any other information on your Preliminary Application online at www.section8listmass.org by registering a username and password.

I applied to several housing authorities' Section 8 waiting lists in the past. Will I be removed from those lists if I apply to the Centralized Waiting List?

No. If your name is already on an existing list at one or more housing authorities, it will not be removed UNLESS:
- you voluntarily ask to be removed.
- you do not respond to a mailing from the housing authority.

Once I am selected by a housing authority and receive a voucher, do I have to use my voucher in that housing authority's town?

No. If you receive a voucher in Massachusetts you can use it anywhere.

How often is the waiting list updated?

The Massachusetts Centralized Waiting List is updated and purged in order to keep applicant information current and to remove applicants who are no longer interested. You will receive an update mailing if you have not updated your application within two years. The 2012 Update Letter was mailed on May 2, 2012. The deadline to respond to the 2012 Update was June 1. If you do not respond to an update, your name will be removed from the Centralized Waiting List. For more information about the update go to Waiting List Update.

Any other questions?

Please contact a participating housing authority or for general information call the toll-free line at 1-877-868-0040.

**Return completed application to ONE participating housing authority NEAREST TO YOU or
APPLY ONLINE at www.section8listmass.org.**

Incomplete, photocopied, e-mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

Participating housing authorities may have additional housing assistance programs available. Please contact them directly to request information and applications for any additional housing assistance.

For general information please call the Centralized Waiting List Informational Line at 877-868-0040

Participating Housing Authorities:

Abington Housing Authority, 71 Shaw Ave., Abington, MA 02351
Acton Housing Authority, 68 Windsor Ave., PO Box 681, Acton, MA 01720
Amesbury Housing Authority, 180 Main St., Amesbury, MA 01913
Amherst Housing Authority, 33 Kellogg Ave., Amherst, MA 01002
Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., Andover, MA 01810
Arlington Housing Authority, 4 Winslow St., Arlington, MA 02474
Belmont Housing Authority, 59 Pearson Rd., Belmont, MA 02478
Beverly Housing Authority, 137 Rear Bridge St., Beverly, MA 01915
Bourne Housing Authority, 871 Shore Rd., Pocasset, MA 02559
Braintree Housing Authority, 25 Roosevelt St., Braintree, MA 02184
Bridgewater Housing Authority, 10 Heritage Road, Bridgewater, MA 02324
Brockton Housing Authority, 45 Goddard Rd., PO Box 7070, Brockton, MA 02303
Brookline Housing Authority, 90 Longwood Ave., Brookline, MA 02446
Burlington Housing Authority, 15 Birchcrest St., Burlington, MA 01803
Chelmsford Housing Authority, 10 Wilson St., Chelmsford, MA 01824
Chelsea Housing Authority, 54 Locke St., Chelsea, MA 02150
Chicopee Housing Authority, 128 Meetinghouse Rd., Chicopee, MA 01013
Concord Housing Authority, 34 Everett Street, Concord, MA 01742
Danvers Housing Authority, 14 Stone Street, Danvers, MA 01923
Dedham Housing Authority, 163 Dedham Blvd., Dedham, MA 02026
Dennis Housing Authority, 167 Center St., So. Dennis, MA 02660
Duxbury Housing Authority, 59 Chestnut St., Duxbury, MA 02332
Everett Housing Authority, 393 Ferry St., Everett, MA 02149
Fall River Housing Authority, 180 Morgan St., Fall River, MA 02722
Fitchburg Housing Authority, 50 Day Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420
Framingham Housing Authority, 1 John J. Brady Dr., Framingham, MA 01702
Gardner Housing Authority, 116 Church St., Gardner, MA 01440
Gloucester Housing Authority, P.O. Box 1599, Gloucester, MA 01931-1599
Greenfield Housing Authority, One Elm Ter., Greenfield, MA 01301
Halifax Housing Authority, c/o Dedham H.A., 163 Dedham Blvd., Dedham, MA 02026
Haverhill Housing Authority, 25-C Washington Sq., Haverhill, MA 01831-2451
Holbrook Housing Authority, One Holbrook Court, Holbrook, MA 02343
Holden Housing Authority, 9 Flagler Drive, Holden, MA 01520
Holyoke Housing Authority, 475 Maple St., Holyoke, MA 01040
Hudson Housing Authority, 8 Brigham Cir., Hudson, MA 01749
Ipswich Housing Authority, One Agawam Village, Ipswich, MA 01938
Lawrence Housing Authority, 353 Elm Street, Lawrence, MA 01842
Leominster Housing Authority, 100 Main St., Leominster, MA 01453
Lexington Housing Authority, One Countryside Village, Lexington, MA 02420
Malden Housing Authority, 89 Pearl St., Malden, MA 02148
Marlborough CDA - Housing Division, 240 Main St., Marlborough, MA 01752
Medford Housing Authority, 121 Riverside Ave., Medford, MA 02155
Melrose Housing Authority, 910 Main St., Melrose, MA 02176
Methuen Housing Authority, 24 Mystic St., Methuen, MA 01844
Middleboro Housing Authority, 8 Benton St., Middleboro, MA 02346
Millis Housing Authority, c/o Dedham H.A., 163 Dedham Blvd., Dedham, MA 02026
Milton Housing Authority, 65 Miller Ave., Milton, MA 02186
Natick Housing Authority, 4 Cottage St., Natick, MA 01760
Needham Housing Authority, c/o Dedham H.A., 163 Dedham Blvd., Dedham, MA 02026
Newburyport Housing Authority, 25 Temple St., Newburyport, MA 01950
Newton Housing Authority, 82 Lincoln Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461
North Andover Housing Authority, One Moreski Meadows, No. Andover, MA 01845
North Attleboro Housing Authority, PO Box 668, North Attleboro, MA 02761
North Reading Housing Authority, Peabody Ct., No. Reading, MA 01864
Norwood Housing Authority, 40 William Shyne Cir., Norwood, MA 02062
Oxford Housing Authority, 23 Wheelock St., Oxford, MA 01540
Peabody Housing Authority, 75 Central St., Ste. 2, Peabody, MA
Pembroke Housing Authority, Kilcommons Drive, Pembroke, MA 02359
Plymouth Housing Authority, 130 Court St., PO Box 3537, Plymouth, MA 02361
Quincy Housing Authority, 80 Clay Street, Quincy, MA 02170
Reading Housing Authority, 22 Frank Tanner Dr., Reading, MA 01867
Revere Housing Authority, 82-84 Cooledge St., Revere, MA 02151
Rockland Housing Authority, 8 Studley Court, Rockland, MA 02370
Rockport Housing Authority, 13 Millbrook Park, Rockport, MA 01966
Salem Housing Authority, 27 Charter St., Salem, MA 01970
Salisbury Housing Authority, 23 Beach Road, Salisbury, MA 01952
Saugus Housing Authority, 19 Talbot St., Saugus, MA 01906
Shrewsbury Housing Authority, 36 No. Quinsigamond Ave., Shrewsbury, MA 01545
Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145
Southbridge Housing Authority, 60 Charlton St., Southbridge, MA 01550
Springfield Housing Authority, PO Box 1609, Springfield, MA 01101
Stockbridge Housing Authority, PO Box 419, 5 Pine St., Stockbridge, MA 01262-0419
Taunton Housing Authority, 30 Olney St., Taunton, MA 02780
Tewksbury Housing Authority, Saunders Circle, Tewksbury, MA 01876
Wakefield Housing Authority, 26 Crescent St., Wakefield, MA 01880
Walpole Housing Authority, 8 Diamond Pond Ter., Walpole, MA 02081
Waltham Housing Authority, 110 Pond St., Waltham, MA 02451
Ware Housing Authority, 20 Valley View, Ware, MA 01082
Warren Housing Authority, P.O. Box 3021, Warren, MA 01083
Watertown Housing Authority, 55 Waverly Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472
Wayland Housing Authority, 106 Main St., Wayland, MA 01778
Webster Housing Authority, 10 Golden Heights, Webster, MA 01570
Wellesley Housing Authority, c/o Dedham H.A., 163 Dedham Blvd., Dedham, MA 02026
Westfield Housing Authority, 12 Alice Burke Way, PO Box 99, Westfield, MA 01086
West Springfield Housing Authority, 37 Oxford Pl., West Springfield, MA 01089
Weymouth Housing Authority, 402 Essex St., Weymouth, MA 02188
Winchendon Housing Authority, 108 Ipswich Dr., Winchendon, MA 01475
Winchester Housing Authority, 13 Westley St., Winchester, MA 01890
Woburn Housing Authority, 59 Campbell St., Woburn, MA 01801
Worcester Housing Authority, 40 Belmont St., Worcester, MA 01605

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM
CENTRALIZED WAITING LIST PRE-APPLICATION

For Agency Use Only:
Date/Time

1. HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

Social Security or Alien Registration #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address*: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____ Work Address* (City/Town ONLY): _____

*Some housing authorities give preference to applicants and/or spouses living or working in the housing authority's town.

Mailing Address (if different from Home Address): _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

2. SPOUSE/PARTNER

Social Security or Alien Registration Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last Name: _____

Work Address* (City/Town ONLY): _____

3. HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL LIVE IN THE UNIT? Please include yourself. _____

4. TOTAL GROSS ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME: _____

5. IS HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD (Check ALL that apply):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | |

6. IS HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD (Check only one):

- Hispanic Non-Hispanic

Data on race & ethnicity is collected in accordance with federal regulations. Your answers will not affect your application.

7. PREFERENCES (Check ALL that apply.)

Please read attached "Definitions of Preferences" to determine which apply to you. **NOTE:** Participating housing authorities may or may not use some or all of the preferences listed below. (A housing authority will request documentation of preferences at the time you reach the top of the waiting list and are selected for final determination.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Board of Health Condemnation | <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Homeless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Rent Burdened 50% of Income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Displaced by Hate Crimes, Reprisals | <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Rent Burdened 40% of Income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Displaced by Landlord Non-Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> 15. One-person Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Displaced by Natural Disaster | <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Substandard Housing (includes homeless) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Displaced by Public Action | <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Client for Project Based Section 8 Unit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Displaced by Domestic Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Tenant of Project Based Section 8 Unit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Veteran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Near Elderly (55+) | <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Working |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Extremely Low Income | <input type="checkbox"/> 23. Participant in Metco Program in Wayland school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Health Condition (disability affecting housing need) | <input type="checkbox"/> 24. Activated Military Personnel to Persian Gulf |

8. I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.

I understand that submission of false information or misrepresentation may result in loss of eligibility to participate in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. I certify that I have attained the age of eighteen and therefore have full legal capacity to act on my own behalf in the matter of contracts.

Signature of Head of Household _____ Date _____

Complete ALL information. Return completed application to ONE of the participating housing authorities listed on the back of this form. Incomplete, photocopied, e-mailed, or faxed applications will not be accepted.

