

Housing Assistance

What is Housing Assistance?

Housing assistance helps low- and moderate-income individuals choose and rent safe, affordable housing. Housing assistance is available to:

- Working families in which the head of household or a spouse is:
 - Employed at least 20 hours per week
 - Self-employed
 - Attending school full time
 - Attending a certified General Educational Development (GED) program
 - Participating in a job training program
- Disabled
- Elderly (62 years of age or older)
- Near-elderly (50-61 years of age)

How does it work?

The District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) has 3 subsidized housing programs (with a separate waiting list for each program.) Rental assistance is based on household income and family size. DCHA's programs include:

- Public Housing. Tenants live in approximately 50 Washington, DC apartment communities managed and maintained by DCHA. Public housing tenants pay rents that are lower than normal, "market rate" rents.
- Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP, formerly the Section 8 Voucher Program). HCVP provides vouchers (coupons) which help families afford any private housing managed and maintained by participating landlords.
- Housing Choice Voucher Moderate Rehabilitation (formerly the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program). HCVP provides Unit-Based Vouchers which help tenants afford to live in apartment communities managed by individual participating landlords. The voucher provided is only for the specific home the family lives in, and cannot be used for another apartment or house.

How does one apply?

- Visit the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) Client Placement Division's Client Services Center to pick up or fill out an application and to be placed on a waiting list.
- Call the Client Services Center to have an application mailed to you, and mail your completed application back to the Client Services Center. (You must provide a government-issued photo ID.)

Contact Information

[DC Housing Authority](#)

Client Placement Division

Client Services Center

1133 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 178

Washington, DC 20002

Phone: (202) 535-1706

Hours: 8:30AM-4:30PM, Monday-Friday