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LEASE CHANGES

In order to ensure that families and the LACDA each pay the proper amount of rent, it is very important that the LACDA receives accurate and timely information about any changes to your lease agreement. Once the changes are received by the LACDA, the owner may be required to enter into a new Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract for revisions such as:

- Changes in the lease governing utility responsibilities and provisions for appliances;
- Changes in the lease governing the term of the lease; and
- Tenants moving into a new unit, even if the unit is in the same complex.

A new HAP contract and new lease will require a rent reasonableness review, and possibly a Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LACDA'S ONLINE TOOLS

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) encourages tenants to take advantage of its convenient online tools, like the LACDA website and the Rent Café Tenant Portal. The LACDA's website contains an entire section dedicated to <u>Section 8 tenants</u> where you will find frequently asked questions and information regarding inspections, how to report income changes, and other informational resources.

In addition, the LACDA's Rent Café Portal allows you to perform tasks online, such as submitting income and family composition changes and completing your annual reexamination. Both online tools allow you to have 24/7 access to important forms and information regarding your rental assistance. For more information, please visit the LACDA's website at <u>https://www.lacda.org/</u>.

<u>Click here</u> for information on low cost Internet plans.

Remember: If you had an existing Portal account, you will have to re-register for the Rent Café Portal. You may refer to your personal registration notice and number provided by the LACDA when registering. If you did not receive a registration notice and number, you may email the LACDA at <u>RentCafePortal@lacda.org</u> for assistance.





MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

The minimum wage for workers in unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County will be \$15.96 per hour beginning July 1, 2022. The new 6.4% rate increase was determined by the County's Chief Executive Office based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index.

More information regarding the Minimum Wage Ordinance, including the required postings for businesses, can be found at:

<u>dcba.lacounty.gov/minimum-wage</u>, or by calling (800) 593-8222.

TENANT WORKSHOP

Workshops are designed to provide participant families an opportunity to learn about new program requirements that may affect your rental assistance and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

April Lunch & Learn

In celebration of Fair Housing Month, please join the Housing Rights Center to learn about Fair Housing. You will have the opportunity to ask Fair Housing questions from industry experts.

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting at: Zoom Link: <u>bit.ly/3lrav8Z</u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about how to join the meeting.

For more information regarding the upcoming events, please contact us at:

Phone: (626) 586-1654 Email: <u>HCVWorkshops@lacda.org</u>

