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REMINDER: REPORTING CHANGES IN INCOME AND FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

The Los Angeles County Development Authority's (LACDA) Housing Choice Voucher interim reexamination policy requires that families report, in between annual reexaminations, ALL changes in earned and unearned income, assets, expenses, full-time student status, and changes in family composition within 10 calendar days of the date the change takes effect.

In addition to the above, families must now report:

- New employment;
- Loss of employment and anticipated benefits from an EDD application; and
- Bonus or wage increases.

When in doubt, report your changes and your case manager will notify you of the requirements. To report interim changes, complete the Interim Reexamination form found under the forms section of the Tenant Portal or the LACDA website.





HAVE YOU CREATED A TENANT PORTAL ACCOUNT?

The Tenant Portal helps you remain up-to-date on rental assistance matters. The Portal, accessible via the LACDA website, allows you to perform many useful tasks, including receiving LACDA correspondence. You will be notified via email anytime a new letter is available. The Portal is secure and available 24/7.

How to Create a Tenant Portal Account:

- 1. Visit <u>www.lacda.org</u>.
- 2. On the left side of the page under "Housing Programs," click on the orange box to "Get Started."
- 3 Go to "My Account" at the top of the page, and then click on "Tenant Portal (Section 8)."
- Click on "Register" and fill out the Registration form. In order to complete the Registration, you must have your Tenant Number, the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN), and a working email address.
- 5. An activation email will be sent to your email address upon a successful registration.
- 6. Activate your account in order to access the Tenant Portal.

CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF

You may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program.

About the Program:

- Landlords can get reimbursed for 80% of past due rent accrued between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, if they agree to waive the remaining 20% of unpaid rent.
- Renters who have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19, have past due rent or utilities, and have a household income that is not more than 80% of the area median income may be eligible to receive assistance.

How to Apply:

• Visit <u>HousingIsKey.com</u> or call 833-430-2<u>122</u>.



CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF

Landlords and renters can now get help with unpaid rent.

HousingIsKey.com 833-430-2122

TENANT WORKSHOP

Tenant workshops provide an opportunity to learn about new policies and Section 8 Program updates.

May Lunch & Learn

- LACDA Incentive Programs
- CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program

Thursday, May 20, 2021

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting at https://bit.ly/3dwpFNQ

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

Phone: (626) 586-1654 Email: HCVWorkshops@lacda.org

"MIXED-STATUS" RULE WITHDRAWN

On April 2, 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a rule removing the previous administration's proposed "mixed-status" rule which would have prohibited the LACDA from providing housing or rental assistance to "ineligible" and "undocumented" immigrants in certain HUD subsidized rental assistance programs.

Traditionally, under HUD's subsidized rental assistance programs, one member of the family must be a citizen or eligible immigrant to be approved for assistance. Withdrawal of the proposed "mixed-status" rule allows the LACDA to maintain its current practice, permitting mixed-status families to live together in subsidized housing with prorated assistance.