

NEW HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PAYMENT STANDARDS EFFECTIVE MAY 17, 2021

| Bedroom Size | SRO | 0-bdr | 1-bdr | 2-bdr | 3-bdr | 4-bdr | 5-bdr | 6-bdr | 7-bdr | 8-bdr |
|------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Payment Standard | \$976 | \$1,301 | \$1,605 | \$2,058 | \$2,598 | \$2,833 | \$3,258 | \$3,683 | \$4,108 | \$4,532 |

Payment Standards are set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Market Rents. They are the maximum amount the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) can pay landlords for gross rent (rent plus utilities) and are determined by the number of bedrooms authorized to each family. The LACDA must use the lesser of the following when determining the Payment Standards: number of bedrooms in the rental unit, or number of bedrooms on the voucher. For example, if a family locates a two-bedroom unit with a three-bedroom voucher, the two-bedroom Payment Standard must be used.



TENANT PORTAL

The Tenant Portal is accessible via the LACDA's website 24/7, and allows you to perform many useful tasks, including:

- Submitting documents via your account
- Receiving letters from the LACDA via your account
- Obtaining your Case Manager's contact information
- Reviewing inspection results
- Reviewing payment history

If you are not already using the Tenant Portal, or have not used it in a while, please visit www.lacda.org to access or create an account.

Coming Soon! The LACDA is going paperless! The LACDA will be launching a new and improved Tenant Portal that will move towards having families complete their annual reexamination online. More information coming soon.

REMINDER: ENTERPRISE INCOME VERIFICATION SYSTEM

The LACDA uses HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System to verify Section 8 Program participants' reported and unreported income. The EIV System allows the LACDA to review employment information, wages, unemployment compensation, and social security benefits, and compares it to income previously reported.

Section 8 families are responsible for reporting **all** income sources or changes, for **any** member of the household, regardless of the type of income or the age of the household member. Not accurately reporting income is a violation of program rules that may lead to the loss of Section 8 rental assistance or may require repayment of housing assistance payments made incorrectly to the landlord on the family's behalf. When in doubt, report it. A Section 8 Case Manager is available to provide guidance and ensure you remain housed.

VOUCHER EXTENSIONS

If your Section 8 voucher will be expiring soon, please submit a Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA), or voucher extension request in writing prior to the voucher expiration date. The LACDA only granted automatic voucher extensions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Automatic voucher extensions will no longer be granted effective immediately.

2021 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Are you a student planning to enroll or continue at a four-year University, Community College, or a Vocational Program in the Fall of 2021 and need financial assistance to pursue your higher education? If your answer is yes, please apply to the Los Angeles County Community Development Foundation (LACDF) Scholarship Program today!

Who Can Apply

Los Angeles County Public Housing or Section 8 Participants

Apply online

www.lacdf.org

Deadline

Monday, July 12, 2021, 5:00 P.M.

Questions

(323) 260-2208 or jeanette.montano@lacdf.org



VOUCHER DISCRIMINATION

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the Source of Income Protection Ordinance, on June 18, 2019. In addition, the California State Legislature passed Senate Bill 329, which expands the definition of source of income in the California Fair Employment and Housing Act to include Housing Choice Vouchers. It is a Fair Housing violation for a property owner to advertise a policy of not accepting vouchers. A voucher holder will still need to meet any selection criteria that a housing provider may have as long as it abides by Fair Housing, State, and local laws.



TENANT WORKSHOP

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

June Lunch & Learn

- Housing Choice Voucher Program Overview
- LACDA Incentives

Thursday, June 24, 2021

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Register in advance for this Zoom meeting at

<https://bit.ly/3yCMPKO>

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

Phone: (626) 586-1654

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