

WEST WARWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM LANDLORDS ABOUT THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM



How Do I Qualify to Accept Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments for My Rental Units?

Once you have a Housing Choice Voucher tenant come to you to rent a property, and you have completed tenancy screening along with the required voucher program forms, the unit you wish to rent will need to pass a health and safety inspection.

How Do I Access the Direct Deposit System for Housing Assistance Payments?

After signing up for direct deposit, monthly voucher payments are electronically deposited into a landlord's existing checking or savings account.

How can I raise the rent of my unit leased by a Housing Choice Voucher Holder?

If you want to raise a Housing Choice Voucher holder's rent, you must submit a written request to the West Warwick Housing Authority. The rent increase should include: (1) tenant's name and address, (2) the current rent and (3) the proposed rent. Please note rental increases can be requested annually and will go into effect during the voucher holder's recertification date.

Do I treat a voucher holder differently?

Landlords cannot refuse to rent to an applicant, or treat an applicant or tenant differently, because the applicant is using a Housing Choice Voucher. It is also illegal for landlords to advertise, "No Section 8." Landlords can still screen and reject any applicant, including those with a Housing Choice Voucher, for past conduct and/or inability to pay rent.