

WEST WARWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM CLIENTS ABOUT THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM



Once I get a voucher, how much time do I have to find an apartment?

In the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, participants have (90 days?) to find suitable housing.

What are the requirements for a Section 8 apartment?

1. The building must be safe and meet local and federal housing safety standards. The rent must be affordable for you.

Will Section 8 help pay my security deposit?

No. You are responsible for paying the security deposit.

Why are annual reexaminations necessary?

West Warwick Housing is required by federal regulations to review your income and family size at least once a year. This is done to assure that (1) the right amount of rent is being paid based on your actual income and (2) the home is the right size for the family.

Can I lose my rental assistance?

Yes, below is a partial list of ways families lose their rental assistance:

- Move out without proper notice
- Allow unauthorized people to live in the unit or use it as their mailing address
- Fail to report all changes in income or to provide the information required by WWHA
- Owe money to any housing authority
- Become involved in drug-related or violent criminal activities
- Repeatedly violate the terms of a lease
- Cause significant damage to the unit