



**Housing Choice
Voucher Program**

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**ELIGIBLE IMMIGRATION STATUS
Verification Consent Form**

Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980, as amended, requires the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) and the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to ensure the financial assistance is made available only to persons who are U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals or Non-citizens who have been lawfully admitted to the United States and considered to have “eligible immigration status.” The law requires all tenants for assisted housing who claim to have “eligible immigration status” to sign a consent form authorizing SHA and HUD to verify the information supplied with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Purpose: This information is required to determine your eligibility for continued housing assistance (Federal subsidy).

Use of the Information to be Obtained: The evidence you supply to document your eligibility for housing assistance may be released by the Housing Authority, without responsibility for the further use or transmission of the evidence by the entity receiving it, (1) HUD, as required by HUD, and (2) the DHS for the purpose of establishing eligibility for financial assistance and not for any other purpose. However, neither SHA nor HUD are responsible for the further use or transmission of the evidence or other information by the DHS.

Who Must Sign This Consent Form? Each non-citizen in the household who will be receiving housing assistance and claims “eligible immigration status” must sign below. Adults, age 18 years or older, must sign for themselves. In the case of minor children (under 18 years old), the form must be signed by the head of household and/or adult member who is responsible for each minor child.

Failure to Sign the Consent Form: Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing (subsidy) benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits (subsidy) is subject to the Housing Authority’s grievance procedures or Section 8’s informal hearing process, whichever is applicable.

Consent: I authorize the Housing Authority of the City of Seattle, or HUD to request and obtain verification from the DHS of the information I have supplied regarding my immigration status. I understand that this information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Head of Household	Date	Spouse/Co-Tenant	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Adult (over age 18)	Date	Other Adult (over age 18)	Date

Consent for Minor Children: I certify that I am the head of household and/or the adult family member responsible for the minor children listed below. I authorize Seattle Housing to request and obtain verification from the DHS of the information supplied regarding their immigration status. I understand this information is needed to determine eligibility for housing assistance (Federal subsidy); and I certify that the information I have supplied is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. List minor children:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Signature _____ Date _____
Parent or Guardian