



GENERAL RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) to obtain the information listed below for the purpose of determining my eligibility to receive and continue receiving housing assistance. SHA may use this release to make inquiries or secure information from any source whatsoever, including a person, business, or organization that has, or may have, any information listed below. If SHA makes any negative determination(s) based upon the information obtained, I will have an opportunity to contest such determinations. If I participate in the Project-based or Mod Rehab program, I also authorize SHA and the owner and/or manager of the building in which I reside to share with each other any information needed to verify my continued eligibility and suitability for subsidized housing. This consent form remains effective until a household is denied assistance, assistance is terminated, or if the household provides written notice to SHA asking to revoke their consent.

- Information necessary to authenticate preference claims;
- Rental history records and references, including but not limited to, information about the ability to pay rent, the ability to live independently, take care of rental property, and get along well with neighbors;
- Non-residential references from individuals with whom a professional relationship has been established, and references from neighbors, community, and relatives;
- References from employers, including wage and salary information, and job performance;
- Criminal history, including fingerprint submission where necessary to effect positive identification;
- Services provided by individuals or agencies which are relevant to the ability to pay rent, take care of rental property, and get along well with neighbors and community;
- Earned and unearned income (including benefit income) information from any source (including State Wage Information Collection Agencies, the Division of Child Support, Department of Health and Social Services, etc.) for all family members;
- School registration for minor children, and for family members over the age of 18 where required to establish program eligibility;
- Registration in educational or vocational training programs including information about participation/completion of such programs;
- Verification of disability or handicap, if necessary for program eligibility (not including details of actual disability or handicap);
- Verification of need for reasonable accommodation, if requested;
- Credit reports and/or tenant screening reports from private screening contractors;
- Outstanding debts to other housing agencies.

_____ Head of Household (printed name)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Co-Head, Spouse, Partner, or Other Adult (printed name)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Other Adult (printed name)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Other Adult (printed name)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Other Adult (printed name)	_____ Signature	_____ Date

Who must sign the consent form: Each member of your household who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the household or whenever members of the household become 18 years of age.



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Failure to sign consent form: Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to SHA's grievance and Housing Choice Voucher informal hearing procedures.

Revocation of consent: Revoking consent will result in denial of assistance or termination of assistance at the next annual reexamination. SHA will be unable to verify your information, although the data matches between HUD and other agencies will continue to automatically occur in the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System if the family is not terminated from the program.

Privacy Act Notice. Authority: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19). The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543) requires applicants and participants to submit the Social Security Number of all household members who contend citizenship or an eligible immigration status. Purpose: Your income and other information are being collected by HUD to determine your eligibility, the appropriate bedroom size, and the amount your family will pay toward rent and utilities. Other Uses: HUD uses your family income and other information to assist in managing and monitoring HUD-assisted housing programs, to protect the Government's financial interest, and to verify the accuracy of the information you provide. This information may be released to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant, and to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators and prosecutors. However, the information will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. Penalty: You must provide all of the information requested by the HA, including all Social Security Numbers you, and all other household members, have and use. Giving the Social Security Numbers of all household members who contend citizenship or an eligible immigration status is mandatory, and not providing the Social Security Numbers will affect your eligibility. Failure to provide any of the requested information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

Penalties for misusing this consent: HUD, SHA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, SHA or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form.

Use of the information collected based on this form is restricted to the purposes cited on the form. Any person, who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD, SHA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.