



**Project-Based  
Voucher Program**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sender's Name (not agency name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bedrooms Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Address & Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

<h2>Unit Transfer forms packet</h2>
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***Email this checklist, forms and documents to:  
[ProjectBasedApplications@seattlehousing.org](mailto:ProjectBasedApplications@seattlehousing.org)  
or fax it to 206-239-1770***

A move within the same property is considered a *unit transfer*. If a tenant is moving to a new property with the same owner, a new application must be completed.

The following forms are included in the Unit Transfer forms packet. They should be completed at Transfer by the applicant and the housing provider, as appropriate:

**Checklist** [this form; use as your cover sheet]

- Statement of Family Responsibility** (2 pages)
- Inspection Self-Certification**
- Copy of Lease** (all pages)
- Copy of Tenancy Addendum** (7 pages)
- Lead Based Paint Disclosure** (if applicable – 3 pages)

If there have been any changes to the household income or circumstances, please also complete a Special Review packet and submit it with the Unit Transfer paperwork.

**Note:** When a tenant transfers units, their Annual Recertification date does not change. Therefore Seattle Housing does not recertify a participant at the time of transfer.

### Timelines

Transfer documents must be received by Seattle Housing Authority within 10 business days of the transfer date. Seattle Housing will do our best to process *complete* packets within 30 days of receipt.

In an incomplete Transfer packet is submitted, we may return it to the building with instructions for resubmission.



## Project-Based Program Statement of Family Responsibility

**1. Certification.** The undersigned public housing agency (PHA) hereby certifies that the family consisting of the following members:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

is eligible to participate in the Section 8 project-based voucher program of this PHA and is approved to occupy a unit at:

\_\_\_\_\_

Under this program, the PHA makes housing assistance payments to owners for units leased and occupied by participating families.

**2. Tenant Rent.** The tenant rent is the portion of the monthly rent to owner paid by the family, and is based on the family's income, composition, and expenses. The PHA determines the tenant rent in accordance with HUD requirements.

**3. Changes in Tenant Rent.** A family's tenant rent may change because of changes in program requirements or changes in family income, composition, or expenses.

Any change in a family's tenant rent will be effective on the date stated in a notice by the PHA to the family and owner.

**4. PHA Housing Assistance Payment.** The monthly housing assistance payment by the PHA to the owner for a unit leased by a family is the rent to owner minus the tenant rent (total tenant payment minus any applicable utility estimate). The family is not responsible for payment of the portion of the rent to owner covered by the housing assistance payment.

**5. Family Right to Move.**

Project based voucher assistance is site specific. This means that the subsidy remains with the unit if the family should choose to move.

**6. Family Obligations.**

(A) Any family participating in the project-based voucher program of the undersigned PHA must follow the rules listed below in order to continue to receive housing assistance under the program. Any information the family supplies must be true and complete.

(B) Each family member must:

1. Supply any information that the PHA or HUD determines to be necessary for administration of the program, including submission of required evidence of citizenship or eligible immigration status.
2. Supply any information requested by the PHA or HUD for use in a regularly scheduled reexamination or interim reexamination of family income and composition.
3. Disclose and verify social security numbers and sign and submit consent forms for obtaining information.
4. Supply any information requested by the PHA to verify that the family is living in the unit or information related to family absence from the unit.
5. Promptly notify the PHA in writing when the family is away from the unit for an extended period of time in accordance with PHA policies.
6. Allow the PHA to inspect the unit at reasonable times and after reasonable notice.
7. Notify the PHA and the owner in writing before moving out of the unit or terminating the lease.
8. Use the assisted unit for residence by eligible family members. The unit must be the family's only residence.
9. Promptly notify the PHA in writing of the birth, adoption, or court-awarded custody of a child.
10. Request PHA written approval to add any other family member as an occupant of the unit.
11. Promptly notify the PHA in writing if any family member no longer lives in the unit.
12. Give the PHA a copy of any owner eviction notice.
13. Pay utility bills and provide and maintain any appliances that the owner is not required to provide under the lease.

(C) The family (including each family member) must not:

1. Own or have any interest in the unit.
2. Commit any serious or repeated violation of the lease.
3. Commit fraud, bribery or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with the program.
4. Engage in drug-related criminal activity or violent criminal activity or other criminal activity that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of other residents and

persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises.

5. Sublease or let the unit or assign the lease or transfer the unit.

6. Receive project-based voucher assistance while receiving another housing subsidy for the same unit or a different unit under any other Federal, State or local housing assistance program.

7. Damage the unit or premises (other than damage from ordinary wear and tear) or permit any guest to damage the unit or premises.

8. Receive project-based voucher assistance while residing in a unit owned by a parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, sister or brother of any member of the family, unless the PHA has determined (and has notified the owner and the family of such determination) that approving rental of the unit, notwithstanding such relationship, would provide reasonable accommodation for a family member who is a person with disabilities.

9. Engage in abuse of alcohol in a way that threatens the health, safety or right of peaceful enjoyment of the other residents and persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises.

**7. Termination of Assistance.** The PHA may terminate housing assistance for any grounds authorized in accordance with HUD requirements, including family violation of any obligation under Section 6 of this Statement of Family Responsibility.

**8. Illegal Discrimination.** If the family has reason to believe that it has been discriminated against on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, or familial status, the family may file a housing discrimination complaint with any HUD office in person, by mail, or by telephone. The PHA will give the family information on how to fill out and file a complaint.

**9. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).** VAWA and HUD's implementing regulations provide housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The PHA will provide the Notice of Occupancy Rights and Certification Form and is responsible for having an emergency transfer plan. The lease addendum also includes a description of specific protections.

**10. HUD Requirements.** HUD requirements for the Section 8 project-based voucher program are issued by Headquarters as regulations, Federal Register notices, or other binding directives. The Statement of Family Responsibility shall be interpreted and implemented in accordance with HUD requirements.

Building Name	
Building Representative	Title
Signature	Date
Head of Household Signature	Date
SHA Staff	Title
Signature	Date



**Seattle Housing Authority**

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Seattle, WA 98119-4293

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## Project-based Initial Inspection Self-Certification

Building Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Self-Certification Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the unit listed above has been inspected by the Seattle Housing Authority within the last 12 months, or in the case of units on a biennial schedule, 24 months. I further certify that the following HUD Housing Quality Standards at 24 CFR 982.401 were met on the date that the new resident/participant first occupied the unit and that a self-certification inspection was completed on the date noted above:

- ◇ The plumbing systems and sanitary facilities are in proper operating condition.
- ◇ The dwelling unit provides adequate space and security for the family.
- ◇ The lock(s) to the unit are working properly.
- ◇ The heating system is safe for heating the dwelling unit (and a safe cooling system, where present).
- ◇ The electrical fixtures and wiring ensure safety from fire.
- ◇ The electrical outlets are in proper operating condition.
- ◇ The dwelling unit is structurally sound.
- ◇ The ceilings, walls, and floors do not have any serious defects.
- ◇ Elevators (if any) are working and safe.
- ◇ The dwelling unit and its equipment is in sanitary condition.
- ◇ The dwelling unit and its equipment is free of vermin and rodent infestation.
- ◇ The unit contains a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector.
- ◇ Lead Based Paint - The dwelling unit and common areas (including the exterior of the building, fences, storage buildings, garages, etc.) have no chipping, peeling, and/or chafing paint.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Tenancy Addendum Section 8 Project-based Voucher Program

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing

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## Instructions for use of Tenancy Addendum

This tenancy addendum is used in the Section 8 project-based voucher (PBV) program. Under the program, HUD provides funds to a public housing agency (PHA) for rent subsidy on behalf of eligible families. The main regulation for this program is 24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 983.

**Privacy Act Statement.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect the information required on this form by Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f). Collection of the family members' names, unit address, and owner name is mandatory. The information is used to provide Section 8 project-based assistance under the Section 8 Project-based Voucher program in the form of housing assistance payments. The information also specifies what utilities and appliances are to be supplied by the owner, and what utilities and appliances are to be supplied by the tenant. HUD may disclose this information to Federal, State and local agencies when relevant to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigations and prosecutions. It will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. Failure to provide any of the information may result in delay or rejection of family or owner participation in the Section 8 Project-based Voucher program.

The tenancy addendum has two parts:

Part A: Tenancy Addendum Information (fill-ins).

See section by section instructions.

Part B: Tenancy addendum.

### How to fill in Part A

Section by Section Instructions.

#### Section 2: **Tenant**

Enter full name of tenant.

#### Section 3. **Contract Unit**

Enter address of unit, including apartment number, if any.

#### Section 4. **Household Members**

Enter full names of all PHA-approved household members. Specify if any such person is a live-in aide, which is a person approved by the PHA to reside in the unit to provide supportive services for a family member who is a person with disabilities.

#### Section 5. **Initial Lease Term**

Enter first date and last date of initial lease term.

(The initial lease term must be for at least one year. 24 CFR § 983.256(f).)

#### Section 6. **Initial Rent to Owner**

Enter the amount of the monthly rent to owner during the initial lease term.

#### Section 7. **Initial Tenant Rent.**

Enter the initial monthly amount of tenant rent.

#### Section 8. **Housing Assistance Payment**

Enter the initial amount of the monthly housing assistance payment.

#### Section 9. **Utilities and Appliances**

The lease must specify what utilities and appliances are to be supplied by the owner, and what utilities and appliances are to be supplied by the tenant. Fill in section 9 to show who is responsible to provide or pay for utilities and appliances.

**Tenancy Addendum  
Section 8 Project-based  
Voucher Program**

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and Urban Development**  
Office of Public and Indian Housing

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**Part A of the Tenancy Addendum**

(Fill out all of the information in Part A.)

**1. Contents of Tenancy Addendum**

This Tenancy Addendum has two parts:

Part A: Tenancy Addendum Information

Part B: Tenancy Addendum

**2. Tenant**

**3. Contract Unit**

**4. Household**

The following persons may reside in the unit. Other persons may not be added to the household without prior written approval of the owner and the PHA.

**5. Initial Lease Term**

The initial lease term begins on (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

The initial lease term ends on (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Initial Rent to Owner**

The initial rent to owner is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Initial Tenant Rent**

The initial tenant rent is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month. The amount of the tenant rent is subject to change by the PHA during the term of the lease in accordance with HUD requirements.

**8. Initial Housing Assistance Payment**

At the beginning of the Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract term, the amount of the housing assistance payment by the PHA to the owner is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month. The amount of the monthly housing assistance payment by the PHA to the owner is subject to change during the HAP contract term in accordance with HUD requirements.

**9. Utilities and Appliances**

The owner shall provide or pay for the utilities and appliances indicated below by an "O". The tenant shall provide or pay for the utilities and appliances indicated below by a "T". Unless otherwise specified below, the owner shall pay for all utilities and appliances provided by the owner.

Item	Specify fuel type				Provided by	Paid by
Heating	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottle gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil or Electric	<input type="checkbox"/> Coal or Other		
Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottle gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil or Electric	<input type="checkbox"/> Coal or Other		
Water Heating	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottle gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil or Electric	<input type="checkbox"/> Coal or Other		
Other Electric						
Water						
Sewer						
Trash Collection						
Air Conditioning						
Refrigerator						
Range/Microwave						
Other (specify)						

**Signatures:**

**Owner**

**Tenant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name of Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name of Family Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name and Title of Signatory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name of Family Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Tenancy Addendum**  
**Section 8 Project-based**  
**Voucher Program**  
(To be attached to Tenant Lease)

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and Urban Development**  
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**Part B: Tenancy Addendum**

**1. Section 8 Project-based Voucher (PBV) Program**

- a. The owner is leasing the contract unit to the tenant for occupancy by the tenant's family with assistance for a tenancy under the Section 8 PBV program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- b. The owner has entered into a Housing Assistance Payments Contract (HAP contract) with the public housing agency (PHA) under the PBV program. Under the HAP contract, the PHA will make housing assistance payments to the owner to assist the tenant in leasing the unit from the owner.

**2. Lease**

- a. The owner has given the PHA a copy of the lease, including any revisions agreed to by the owner and the tenant. The owner certifies that the terms of the lease are in accordance with HUD requirements and the lease includes the tenancy addendum.
- b. The tenant shall have the right to enforce the tenancy addendum against the owner. If there is any conflict between the tenancy addendum and any other provisions of the lease, the language of the tenancy addendum shall control.

**3. Use of Contract Unit**

- a. During the lease term, the family will reside in the contract unit with assistance under the PBV program.
- b. The composition of the household must be approved by the PHA. The family must promptly inform the PHA of the birth, adoption or court-awarded custody of a child. Other persons may not be added to the household without prior written approval of the owner and the PHA.
- c. The contract unit may only be used for residence by the PHA-approved household members. The unit must be the family's only residence. Members of the household may engage in legal profit making activities incidental to primary use of the unit for residence by members of the family.
- d. The tenant may not sublease or let the unit.
- e. The tenant may not assign the lease or transfer the unit.

**4. Rent to Owner**

- a. The initial and redetermined rent to owner are established in accordance with HUD requirements.
- b. During the term of the lease (including the initial term of the lease and any extension term), the rent to owner may at no time exceed:
  - (1) The reasonable rent for the unit as most recently determined or redetermined by the

PHA in accordance with HUD requirements, or

- (2) Rent charged by the owner for comparable unassisted units in the premises.

**5. Family Payment to Owner**

- a. The tenant rent is the portion of the monthly rent to owner paid by the family. The PHA determines the tenant rent in accordance with HUD requirements. Any changes in the amount of the tenant rent will be effective on the date stated in a notice by the PHA to the family and the owner.
- b. Each month, the PHA will make a housing assistance payment to the owner on behalf of the family in accordance with the HAP contract. The amount of the monthly housing assistance payment will be determined by the PHA in accordance with HUD requirements for a tenancy under the Section 8 PBV program.
- c. The monthly housing assistance payment shall be credited against the monthly rent to owner for the contract unit.
- d. The tenant is not responsible for paying the portion of rent to owner covered by the PHA housing assistance payment under the HAP contract between the owner and the PHA. A PHA failure to pay the housing assistance payment to the owner is not a violation of the lease. The owner may not terminate the tenancy for nonpayment of the PHA housing assistance payment.
- e. The owner may not charge or accept, from the family or from any other source, any payment for rent of the unit in addition to the rent to owner. The rent to owner includes all housing services, maintenance, utilities and appliances to be provided and paid by the owner in accordance with the lease. The rent to owner does not include charges for non-housing services such as food, furniture or supportive services provided by the owner.
- f. The owner must immediately return any excess rent payment to the tenant.

**6. Other Fees and Charges**

- a. With the exception of families receiving PBV assistance in assisted living developments (see paragraph b. below), the owner may not require the tenant or family members to pay charges for any meals or supportive services which may be provided by the owner. Nonpayment of any such charges is not grounds for termination of tenancy.
- b. In assisted living developments receiving project-based assistance, the owner may charge tenants, family members, or both for meals or supportive services. Any such charges must be specified in the lease. These charges may not be included in the rent to owner, nor may the value of meals and supportive services be included in the calculation of the



reasonable rent. Non-payment of such charges is grounds for termination of the lease by the owner in assisted living developments.

- d. The owner may not charge the tenant extra amounts for items customarily included in rent to owner in the locality, or provided at no additional cost to unsubsidized tenants in the premises.

## 7. Maintenance, Utilities, and Other Services

### a. Maintenance

- (1) The owner must maintain the unit and premises in accordance with the HQS.
- (2) Maintenance and replacement (including redecoration) must be in accordance with the standard practice for the building concerned as established by the owner.

### b. Utilities and Appliances

- (1) The owner must provide all utilities needed to comply with the HQS.
- (2) The owner is not responsible for a breach of the HQS caused by the tenant's failure to:
  - (a) Pay for any utilities that are to be paid by the tenant.
  - (b) Provide and maintain any appliances that are to be provided by the tenant.

- c. **Family Damage.** The owner is not responsible for a breach of the HQS because of damages beyond normal wear and tear caused by any member of the household or by a guest.

- d. **Housing Services.** The owner must provide all housing services as agreed to in the lease.

## 8. Termination of Tenancy by Owner

- a. **Requirements.** The owner may only terminate the tenancy in accordance with the lease and HUD requirements.

- b. **Grounds.** During the term of the lease (the initial term of the lease or any extension term), the owner may only terminate the tenancy because of:

- (1) Serious or repeated violation of the lease;
- (2) Violation of Federal, State, or local law that imposes obligations on the tenant in connection with the occupancy or use of the unit and the premises;
- (3) Criminal activity or alcohol abuse (as provided in paragraph c);
- (4) Failure of a family in a supportive service excepted unit to complete its Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Contract of Participation or other supportive services requirement without good cause; or
- (5) Other good cause (as provided in paragraph d).

### c. Criminal Activity or Alcohol Abuse

- (1) The owner may terminate the tenancy during the term of the lease if any member of the household, a guest or another person under a resident's control commits any of the following types of criminal activity:

- (a) Any criminal activity that threatens the health or safety of, or the right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by, other residents (including property management staff residing on the premises);

- (b) Any criminal activity that threatens the health or safety of, or the right to peaceful enjoyment of their residences by, persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises;

- (c) Any violent criminal activity on or near the premises; or

- (d) Any drug-related criminal activity on or near the premises.

- (2) The owner may terminate the tenancy during the term of the lease if any member of the household is:

- (a) Fleeing to avoid prosecution, or custody or confinement after conviction, for a crime, or attempt to commit a crime, that is a felony under the laws of the place from which the individual flees, or that, in the case of the State of New Jersey, is a high misdemeanor; or

- (b) Violating a condition of probation or parole under Federal or State law.

- (3) The owner may terminate the tenancy for criminal activity by a household member in accordance with this section if the owner determines that the household member has committed the criminal activity, regardless of whether the household member has been arrested or convicted for such activity.

- (4) The owner may terminate the tenancy during the term of the lease if any member of the household has engaged in abuse of alcohol that threatens the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.

### d. Other Good Cause for Termination of Tenancy

- (1) During the initial lease term, other good cause for termination of tenancy must be something the family did or failed to do.

- (2) During the initial lease term or during any extension term, other good cause includes:

- (a) Disturbance of neighbors,
- (b) Destruction of property, or
- (c) Living or housekeeping habits that cause damage to the unit or premises.

- (3) After the initial lease term, such good cause includes the tenant's failure to accept the owner's offer of a new lease or revision.

### e. Lease Expiration

Upon lease expiration, an owner may renew the lease or refuse to renew the lease for good cause. In addition, the owner may refuse to renew the lease without good cause, in which case the PHA will provide the family with a tenant-based voucher, and the unit will be removed from the PBV HAP contract.

f. **Protections for Victims of Abuse**

- (1) Incidents or threats of abuse will not be construed as serious or repeated violations of the lease or other “good cause” for termination of the assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights of a victim of abuse.
- (2) Criminal activity directly relating to abuse, engaged in by a member of a tenant’s household or any guest or other person under the tenant’s control, shall not be cause for termination of assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights if the tenant or an immediate member of the tenant’s family is the victim or threatened victim of that abuse.
- (3) Notwithstanding any restrictions on admission, occupancy, or terminations of occupancy or assistance, or any Federal, State or local law to the contrary, a PHA, owner or manager may “bifurcate” a lease, or otherwise remove a household member from a lease, without regard to whether a household member is a signatory to the lease, in order to evict, remove, terminate occupancy rights, or terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others. This action may be taken without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of the violence who is also a tenant or lawful occupant. Such eviction, removal, termination of occupancy rights, or termination of assistance shall be effected in accordance with the procedures prescribed by Federal, State, and local law for the termination of leases or assistance under the housing choice voucher program.
- (4) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit the authority of a PHA, owner, or manager, when notified, to honor court orders addressing rights of access or control of the property, including civil protection orders issued to protect the victim and issued to address the distribution or possession of property among the household members in cases where a family breaks up.
- (5) Nothing in this section limits any otherwise available authority of an owner or manager to evict or the PHA to terminate assistance to a tenant for any violation of a lease not premised on the act or acts of violence in question against the tenant or a member of the tenant’s household, provided that the owner, manager, or PHA does not subject an individual who is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking to a more demanding standard than other tenants in determining whether to evict or terminate.
- (6) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit the authority of an owner or manager to evict, or the PHA to terminate assistance, to any tenant if the owner, manager, or PHA can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to the property if

the tenant is not evicted or terminated from assistance.

- (7) Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede any provision of any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection than this section for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

g. **Eviction by Court Action.** The owner may only evict the tenant by a court action.

h. **Owner Notice of Grounds**

- (1) At or before the beginning of a court action to evict the tenant, the owner must give the tenant a notice that specifies the grounds for termination of tenancy. The notice may be included in or combined with any owner eviction notice.
- (2) The owner must give the PHA a copy of any owner eviction notice at the same time the owner notifies the tenant.
- (3) Eviction notice means a notice to vacate, or a complaint or other initial pleading used to begin an eviction action under State or local law.

9. **PHA Termination of Assistance**

The PHA may terminate program assistance for the family for any grounds authorized in accordance with HUD requirements. If the PHA terminates program assistance for the family, the lease terminates automatically.

10. **Lease: Relation to HAP Contract**

If the HAP contract terminates for any reason, the lease terminates automatically.

11. **Family Right to Move**

- a. The family may terminate its lease at any time after the first year of occupancy. The family must give the owner advance written notice of intent to vacate (with a copy to the PHA) in accordance with the lease. If the family has elected to terminate the lease in this manner, the PHA must offer the family the opportunity for tenant-based rental assistance in accordance with HUD requirements.
- b. Before providing notice to terminate the lease under paragraph a, the family must first contact the PHA to request tenant-based rental assistance if the family wishes to move with continued assistance. If tenant-based rental assistance is not immediately available upon lease termination, the PHA shall give the family priority to receive the next available opportunity for tenant-based rental assistance.

12. **Security Deposit**

- a. The owner may collect a security deposit from the tenant. (However, the PHA may prohibit the owner from collecting a security deposit in excess of private market practice, or in excess of amounts charged by the owner to unassisted tenants.)
- b. When the family moves out of the contract unit, the owner, subject to State and local law, may use the

security deposit, including any interest on the deposit, as reimbursement for any unpaid rent payable by the tenant, any damages to the unit or any other amounts that the tenant owes under the lease.

- c. The owner must give the tenant a list of all items charged against the security deposit, and the amount of each item. After deducting the amount, if any, used to reimburse the owner, the owner must promptly refund the full amount of the unused balance to the tenant.
- d. If the security deposit is not sufficient to cover amounts the tenant owes under the lease, the owner may collect the balance from the tenant.

### 13. Prohibition of Discrimination

In accordance with applicable equal opportunity statutes, Executive Orders, and regulations, the owner must not discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability in connection with the lease.

### 14. Conflict with Other Provisions of Lease

- a. The terms of the tenancy addendum are prescribed by HUD in accordance with Federal law and regulation, as a condition for Federal assistance to the tenant and tenant's family under the Section 8 PBV program.
- b. In case of any conflict between the provisions of the tenancy addendum as required by HUD, and any other provisions of the lease or any other agreement between the owner and the tenant, the requirements of the HUD-required tenancy addendum shall control.

### 15. Changes in Lease and Rent

- a. The tenant and the owner may not make any change in the tenancy addendum. However, if the tenant and the owner agree to any other changes in the lease, such changes must be in writing, and the owner must immediately give the PHA a copy of such changes. The lease, including any changes, must be in accordance with the requirements of the tenancy addendum.
- b. The owner must notify the PHA in advance of any proposed change in lease requirements governing the allocation of tenant and owner responsibilities for utilities. Such changes may be made only if approved by the PHA and if in accordance with the terms of the lease relating to its amendment. The PHA must redetermine reasonable rent in accordance with HUD requirements, based on any changes in the allocation of responsibility for utilities between the owner and tenant, and the redetermined reasonable rent shall be used in the calculation of the rent to owner from the effective date of the change.

### 16. Written Notices

Any notice under the lease by the tenant to the owner or by the owner to the tenant must be in writing.

### 17. Definitions

**Contract unit.** The housing unit rented by the tenant with assistance under the program.

**Excepted Unit.** A contract unit not counted against the 25 percent per-project cap on PBV assistance.

**Family.** The persons who may reside in the unit with assistance under the program.

**HAP contract.** The housing assistance payments contract between the PHA and the owner. The PHA pays housing assistance payments to the owner in accordance with the HAP contract.

**Household.** The persons who may reside in the contract unit. The household consists of the family and any PHA-approved live-in aide. (A live-in aide is a person who resides in the unit to provide necessary supportive services for a member of the family who is a person with disabilities.)

**Housing quality standards (HQS).** The HUD minimum quality standards for housing assisted under the Section 8 PBV program.

**HUD.** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**HUD requirements.** HUD requirements for the Section 8 PBV program. HUD requirements are issued by HUD headquarters as regulations, Federal Register notices or other binding program directives. The Lease Addendum shall be interpreted and implemented in accordance with HUD requirements.

**Lease.** The written agreement between the owner and the tenant for the lease of the contract unit to the tenant. The lease includes the tenancy addendum prescribed by HUD.

**PHA.** Public Housing Agency.

**Premises.** The building or complex in which the contract unit is located, including common areas and grounds.

**Program.** The Section 8 project-based voucher program.

**Rent to owner.** The total monthly rent payable to the owner for the contract unit. The rent to owner is the sum of the portion of rent payable by the tenant plus the PHA housing assistance payment to the owner.

**Section 8.** Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 United States Code 1437f).

**Tenant.** The family member (or members) who leases the unit from the owner.



## SUMMARY OF LEAD-BASED PAINT REGULATIONS FOR UNITS BUILT BEFORE 1978

This summary informs you of certain responsibilities required of you as a participating Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program landlord. The Lead-Safe Housing Rule is designed to protect you, your employees and your tenants from lead poisoning.

The regulations set hazard reduction requirements that give much emphasis to reducing lead in house dust and thereby reduce the exposure to young children. Seattle Housing Authority, as part of its regular initial or annual inspection process, will conduct a visual evaluation of the building's interior and exterior painted surfaces including common areas, stairways, boundary fences and garages during initial and periodic inspections of the rental property. The inspector will look for such signs of deteriorated paint as peeling, chipping, chalking or cracking, and for any paint or coating located on an interior or exterior surface that is otherwise damaged or separated from the substrate.

Seattle Housing Authority strongly urges landlords to regularly inspect their property and remove any defective paint per requirements of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) prior to our initial or annual inspections. A good owner maintenance program is the best way to prevent paint problems from occurring.

If deteriorated paint is found *and* the unit was built before 1978 *and* is expected to be or is occupied by a family with a child under 6 years of age or a pregnant household member, the regulations require the owner to perform "paint stabilization" activities using "Safe Work Practices."

- All interior and exterior deteriorated paint must be removed or encapsulated, and where paint is removed, the area must be repainted.
- Damaged substrate surfaces must also be repaired.
- A person trained and certified in Safe Work Practices must conduct all work. This person must have successfully completed the "Remodeler's and Renovator's Lead-Based Paint Training Course" or the "Safe Work Practices Training Course" approved by HUD. This work requires the use of specialized equipment such as a HEPA vacuum and respirator.
- The owner must ensure and certify that paint stabilization was conducted using safe work methods including occupant protection and worksite preparation and clean-up. These methods include but are not limited to such practices as closing off the area with plastic sheeting, protecting workers, and cleaning the area thoroughly before allowing the tenant(s) back into the affected area.

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- The unit must then pass a clearance examination that includes a visual assessment of the unit/work area and surface-wipe samples of the affected rooms that are sent to a lab for analysis to determine the presence of lead on floors, windowsills and troughs. Contact Seattle Housing Authority for information on how to obtain the clearance testing. If the work site was not properly contained, then the entire unit must pass clearance. If the work area was properly sealed off, testing can be conducted on the work site and area immediately outside the containment.
- The owner must provide notification to the occupants in writing of the hazard reduction activities and the result of the clearance or any other testing completed on the unit.
- The owner must conduct ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the unit to prevent lead hazards.

If the unit or areas of deteriorated paint have been tested by a certified laboratory or Certified Risk Assessor and have found no lead present, Seattle Housing Authority will exempt these areas from any immediate or future removal procedures.

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Seattle Housing Authority is committed to making this process as efficient as possible and will gladly provide you information and resources upon request.

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#### **“DE MINIMIS” LEVELS**

**“Greater than”** means deteriorated paint totaling more than (a) 20 square feet on any one type of exterior surface(s); (b) 2 square feet in any one interior room or space; and/or (c) 10 percent of the total surface area on an interior or exterior component with a small surface area such as window sills and trim.

**“Less than”** includes all amounts at or below *a*, *b* or *c* listed in the “greater than” definition above. Clearance examinations are not required when maintenance and hazard reduction activities do not disturb painted surfaces defined as “less than.” Use of “Safe Work Practices” is highly recommended by Seattle Housing Authority.

**Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint Hazards**

**Lead Warning Statement**

*Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not managed properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. Before renting pre-1978 housing, lessors must disclose the presence of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the dwelling. Lessees must also receive a federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention.*

**Lessor's Disclosure**

(a) Presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards (check (i) or (ii) below):

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ Known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards are present in the housing (explain).

\_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ Lessor has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

(b) Records and reports available to the lessor (check (i) or (ii) below):

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ Lessor has provided the lessee with all available records and reports pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing (list documents below).

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(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ Lessor has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

**Lessee's Acknowledgment (initial)**

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ Lessee has received copies of all information listed above.

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ Lessee has received the pamphlet *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*.

**Agent's Acknowledgment (initial)**

(e) \_\_\_\_\_ Agent has informed the lessor of the lessor's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4852(d) and is aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.

**Certification of Accuracy**

The following parties have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information they have provided is true and accurate.

_____ Lessor	_____ Date	_____ Lessor	_____ Date
_____ Lessee	_____ Date	_____ Lessee	_____ Date
_____ Agent	_____ Date	_____ Agent	_____ Date