

### What is the waiting list selection procedure for public housing?

The public housing waiting lists are open for new applicants periodically when the number of families listed does not provide a sufficient pool of applicants to meet the apartment availability. Hempstead Housing Authority (HHA) will advertise on this website and in the local media when the lists will be open for acceptance of new applications.

HHA maintains a waiting list for elderly/disabled housing for adults (without children living with them) for studio and one bedroom apartments. HHA maintains a separate waiting list for families (with or without children) for one to four bedroom apartments.

Applications are ordered by preference points first which include: veteran, living or working (or hired to work) within the Village of Hempstead (the HHA jurisdiction) and working family (disabled and elderly receive credit for this preference). Applicants that have an equal number of valid preference claims are then ordered by the date and time of their application.

Please note, that once your application has been placed on the waiting list for the program applied for, new applications received at a future date will be ordered by preferences first then date.

HHA provides assistance to families under the Public Housing Program, units the HA owns and manages, 218 elderly/disabled efficiency and one bedroom units and 62 family units. There are approximately 20 vacancies per year. Most of the vacancies are for elderly/disabled housing.

HHA does not determine the eligibility, i.e. the verification of the applicant's answers on the application, until the application is within close proximity to the HHA having a unit available for the family.

Applicants often ask, "What number am I on the list?" HHA does not provide a specific number because of the preference point system established in the Administrative policies established in accordance with HUD regulations. The preferences are available to a family at any time, both at initial application or if their circumstances may change, so points do change. As an example, a family applies in 2015 and the Head of Household works in the Village of Hempstead, but the family lives in Uniondale. This family would qualify for the local preference of "working in the jurisdiction." Before HHA has determined the family eligible, the head of household changes employment and now works in Uniondale. This family change would result in the application moving downward on the list. The opposite is also true and an upward movement on the waiting list could be realized if the head of household accepts employment within the HHA jurisdiction after submitting their original application.