

## Eligibility Requirements for the Housing Choice Voucher Program

The HA is responsible for ensuring that every individual and family admitted to the HCV program meets all program eligibility requirements. This includes any individual approved to join the family after the family has been admitted to the program. The family must provide any information needed by the HA to confirm eligibility and determine the level of the family's assistance. [24 CFR Part 5, Subparts B, D & E; Part 982, Subpart E]

The HA is also required to screen for eviction and criminal activity as part of the rental assistance program. HUD requires the HA to set screening standards to ensure that those persons who are prohibited from being admitted to the program will not receive assistance. [24 CFR 982.552, 982.553, 5.903, 5.905]

Eligibility is determined based on the total annual gross income and family size and is limited to US citizens and specified categories of non-citizens who have eligible immigration status. In general, the family's gross income may not exceed 50% of the area's median income. By law, a housing authority must provide 75 percent of its vouchers to applicants whose income does not exceed 30 percent of the area median income. Median income limits for Fresno County are listed below.

<b>Income Limits are subject to change without notice. Effective 3/19/2009</b>		
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>30% Median</b>	<b>50% Median</b>
1	11,750	19,550
2	13,400	22,300
3	15,100	25,100
4 (base)	16,750	27,900
5	18,100	30,150
6	19,450	32,350
7	20,750	34,600
8	22,100	36,850
9	23,450	39,050
10	24,800	41,300

During the application process, the PHA will collect information on family income, assets, and family composition. The PHA will verify this information with other local agencies, your employer and bank, and will use the information to determine program eligibility and the amount of the housing assistance payment.

If the PHA determines that your family is eligible, the PHA will put your name on a waiting list, unless it is able to assist you immediately.