



State of Hawaii  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority

## OPENING OF SECTION 8 WAITING LIST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) in accordance with §15-185-28, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Section 8 COVID-19 Emergency Rules, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and regulations outlined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the HPHA's Section 8 Administrative Plan, in part where applicable, will temporarily reopen the waiting list for applicants with a preference.

The HPHA will have the waiting list open for eligible applicants to apply for the following programs:

**June 7, 2021 – June 9, 2021**

Palolo Valley Homes Project-Based Section 8 (Bedroom sizes: 2, 3, and 4)

**Online applications will be accepted from eligible applicants who meet the following preference: 1) Non-elderly persons with a disability.**

To qualify, an applicant must have a member of the household who:

1. Is at least eighteen (18) years of age but not yet sixty-two (62), and
2. Has a disability

The online application portal will be opened for three days starting on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. and closing on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. for the Palolo Valley Homes Project-Based 2, 3, and 4-bedroom waitlists.

**What is Section 8:** Section 8 is a program that provides rental assistance for eligible very low-income families and guarantees monthly payments to owners. The family's portion of the rent is based on household income and ranges from 30% to 40% of the family's adjusted monthly income. HPHA pays the rest of the rent directly to the landlord. With some restrictions, Section 8 housing assistance allows families to live in a qualified unit and area of their choice on Oahu.

**How do I submit an application?** Pre-applications can only be submitted online. Devices such as mobile phones and tablets with Internet access may be used; however, not all operating systems support this pre-application. No pre-applications will be accepted at the Housing Authority's office.

1. Be prepared by having the names, dates of birth, and Social Security Numbers available for all persons who will be listed on your pre-application. You will need to know the monthly gross income (before taxes) for each source of income for

all persons listed on your pre-application. You must list all the sources of income individually.

2. Complete the pre-application on-line at [hpha.myhousing.com](http://hpha.myhousing.com) by clicking on “Start Here”.
3. Submit a completed pre-application between 8:00 a.m. on June 7, 2021 and 4:30 p.m. on June 9, 2021 for the Project-Based 2, 3, and 4-bedroom Waitlists. Pre-applications submitted after this period will be automatically rejected by the system and not accepted. Applications not fully completed (i.e., in the middle of submission) prior to the closing will be rejected.
4. Print your receipt or write down your Pre-Application Confirmation Number. A confirmation receipt is issued immediately after the pre-application is submitted. Print and save this confirmation.

**No duplicate applications will be accepted. Any duplicate applications with same or similar household members will have both applications denied.**

**How do I qualify for a specific bedroom size?** To be accepted onto a specific bedroom-size waitlist, your household composition must meet the HPHA unit size requirements.

**Can I still apply if I don't think my family meets the preference requirements?** To submit an application, you must be able to show that at least one person in your household meets the preference requirements listed above at the time of application.

**Does submitting a pre-application mean I'm on the wait list?** No. HPHA has adopted a lottery/random selection policy. Following the closing of the waitlist, HPHA will randomly select 200 applicants to be placed on the Palolo Valley Homes Project-Based 2, 3, and 4-bedroom waitlists. The order of all applicants selected to be on each waitlist will be by random selection. Issuance will continue until the waitlist has expired, or the HPHA has filled all available vouchers.

The public is reminded that there is no charge to apply for a section 8 voucher. Applicants are encouraged to immediately report any individual or organization who attempts to charge a fee for completion of the voucher application process.

Visit the HPHA's website at [www.hpha.hawaii.gov](http://www.hpha.hawaii.gov) for more information about our programs. Complete the pre-application on-line at [hpha.myhousing.com](http://hpha.myhousing.com) by clicking on “Start Here”.

Within approximately 10 days of waiting list closure, applicants will be sent a notice by email or mail if they were placed on the Project-Based waiting list or not. Please do not call the HPHA offices prior to receiving this notice as no information will be given over the phone regarding application placement.

Applicants who require a reasonable accommodation, must contact the HPHA before Friday, June 4, 2021 for assistance. Please call (808) 832-6040 or email [hpha.section8waitlist@hawaii.gov](mailto:hpha.section8waitlist@hawaii.gov).

Interpreters will be available via zoom free of charge.

Go to [www.hpha.hawaii.gov](http://www.hpha.hawaii.gov) or [www.hphaishereforyou.org](http://www.hphaishereforyou.org) for the link

Palolo Project-Based Waitlist Interpreter Schedule			
Monday	6/7	9 am – 11 am 1 pm – 3 pm 3 pm – 4:30 pm	Marshallese Cantonese/Mandarin Vietnamese
Tuesday	6/8	9 am – 11 am 1 pm – 3pm	Chuukese Korean

If you cannot make one of these times or do not see a language you need, please email a request for an interpreter before June 4, 2021 to ensure that an interpreter is available prior to the closing of the wait list.

Visit our website at [www.hphaishereforyou.org](http://www.hphaishereforyou.org) for more information about our programs.