

RELOCATION

Frequently Asked Relocation Questions 5/20/09

1. Can a resident return back to Hillsdale Terrace after they have received a Section 8 voucher?
Yes. All residents will have a priority to return, but will have to pass a screening.
2. Will Section 8 voucher also cover utility payments?
No.
3. Once you take the cash payment are you out of public housing or can you come back later and reapply?
You are not asked to leave Public housing if you choose to take the lump-sum payment. That is just a payment for moving yourself and your family to a new home, not to move out of subsidized housing. If you choose to leave public housing, you may reapply at any time to any open waiting list.
4. Will residents have the first option of returning to Hillsdale Terrace?
Yes. You will have a priority to return, however, you must pass the screening.
5. Can you use the Section 8 voucher in another state?
Possibly. It depends on many factors, i.e. income, payment standards, etc. Watch for a resident meeting all about Section 8.
6. If you use the Section 8 voucher in another county in Oregon, will you go to the top of their list or do you have to wait. Are you immediately eligible? How soon can you find a home?
You might have to wait to complete the intake appointment, but you leave here with the voucher, so you do not have to wait.
7. If you find a house and the landlord is not currently signed up with Section 8, how long will the process take? Can he/she sign up right away?
Yes. It doesn't take long. It starts with a form called the RFTA, which is given to you with your voucher, and you have the landlord fill it out.
8. Can I take the Section 8 voucher to Mexico?
No
9. If I have a Dr's. note can I transfer to a unit on the first floor?
Applicants who have specific unit requests due to a disability may complete and submit a Reasonable Accommodation form. If your Reasonable Accommodation request is approved we will help you find a unit that meets your needs.
10. Is there a public housing apartment where I can move where I do not have to pay rent?
PH charges all residents approximately 30% of the household's monthly-adjusted income. If you do not have any income then your rent would be \$0.
11. Will you help us pack our belongings?
Yes, if you require help with that.

12. How soon can we move back?
As soon as the new Hillsdale is built and ready. We are estimating this at sometime in 2012.
13. Will HAP give a bus pass to look for a new apartment?
No. We will have bus tickets available, but not bus passes.
14. Who is going to pay for me to move?
HAP will pay for your moving expenses.
15. Can I move to New Columbia?
Yes, if there are vacancies in the appropriate unit size and if you pass the screening.
16. Does New Columbia have handicap accessible units?
Yes. New Columbia has many accessible units.
17. Can I have the same bedroom size?
Yes, unless you are in a unit currently that is too small or too large. We will right-size Hillsdale Terrace families when you move.
18. I am disabled. Can I move somewhere with ramps and easy access?
Yes. We will find housing that will accommodate you.
19. Is there really a cash amount you can be paid for moving yourself?
Yes. We call it a 'lump sum' payment. It is \$1125 for 3-bedroom units.
20. If I choose the lump sum option, when do I get paid?
On your moving day. We will give you a check when you turn in your keys to management.
21. Do I have to report my lump sum payment as income?
No. You do not have to report this payment as income.
22. If I take Section 8, can I find a house on my own?
Yes. We encourage you to take an active role in your housing search, but work closely with your relocation specialist as there are some special considerations when you rent with a Section 8 voucher.
23. Will the movers move people out of Multnomah County?
Movers generally will move households within 30 miles of the original location with no additional charge.
24. If someone moves in to care for me, does that increase the bedroom size of my unit?
If you submit a Reasonable Accommodation to have a live in aide and request a larger bedroom size, then the Reasonable Accommodations Coordinator will review your request and decide whether or not you will be approved.