

Exhibit 2-2

Meet Income Eligibility Requirements

HUD Regulation – 24 CFR 982.201(b)

Income –

(1) Income-eligibility. To be income-eligible, the applicant must be a family in any of the following categories:

(i) A “very low income” family;

(ii) A low-income family that is “continuously assisted” under the 1937 Housing Act;

(iii) A low-income family that meets additional eligibility criteria specified in the PHA administrative plan. Such additional PHA criteria must be consistent with the PHA plan and with the consolidated plans for local governments in the PHA jurisdiction;

(iv) A low-income family that qualifies for voucher assistance as a non-purchasing family residing in a HOPE 1 (HOPE for public housing homeownership) or HOPE 2 (HOPE for homeownership of multifamily units) project. (Section 8(o)(4)(D) of the 1937 Act (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(4)(D));

(v) A low-income or moderate-income family that is displaced as a result of the prepayment of the mortgage or voluntary termination of an insurance contract on eligible low-income housing as defined in §248.101 of this title;

(vi) A low-income family that qualifies for voucher assistance as a non-purchasing family residing in a project subject to a resident homeownership program under §248.173 of this title.

For determination of a family’s annual income, see Income Determination and Verification in this policy.

1. Income Limit Categories

Annually, HUD publishes revised income limits in the *Federal Register*. Listed below are the income limit categories that determine Housing Choice Voucher program eligibility.

1.A Extremely Low Income Limit

This definition changed in HUD’s 2014 Appropriations Act¹. These are set at 30 percent of the area median income or the federal poverty level, whichever is higher. See Poverty Guidelines for Alaska for federal poverty levels.

¹ Title II of Division L of Public Law 113-76, 128 Stat. 5, approved January 17, 2014. Published in the Federal Register on June 25, 2014.

1.B Very Low Income Limit

These are set at 50 percent of the area median income. Family income of newly admitted participants must equal or fall below this income limit.

1.C Low Income Limit

The HUD-VASH program must meet income limits for low-income families set at 80 percent of area median income. VA service-connected disability benefits are excluded for purposes of determining income eligibility. See the VASH exhibit, for the regulations for VA service-connected disability benefits when calculating total tenant rent, Housing Assistance Payment and family rent.

These are set at 80 percent of the area median income. The low income limit is used for families (excluding HUD-VASH) whose income is above the Very Low-Income limit, but who are only considered to be eligible for assistance in the following instances:

1. Continuously assisted under the Public Housing or Voucher programs. See Chapter 2 for the continuously assisted definition.
2. A low-income family that meets additional eligibility criteria specified in AHFC's Administrative Plan (there are no provisions for these families at this time).
3. Non-purchasing households in the HOPE 1, HOPE 2, or other HUD-assisted multifamily home ownership programs covered under 24 CFR 284.173.
4. Displaced as a result of the prepayment of a mortgage or voluntary termination of a mortgage insurance contract.

2. Income Targeting

HUD Regulation – 24 CFR 982.201(b)

(2) Income-targeting.

(i) Not less than 75 percent of the families admitted to a PHA's HCV program during the PHA fiscal year from the PHA waiting list shall be extremely low income families. Annual income of such families shall be verified within the period described in paragraph (e) of this section.

(ii) A PHA may admit a lower percent of extremely low income families during a PHA fiscal year (than otherwise required under paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section) if HUD approves the use of such lower percent by the PHA, in accordance with the PHA plan, based on HUD's determination that the following circumstances necessitate use of such lower percent by the PHA:

- (A) The PHA has opened its waiting list for a reasonable time for admission of extremely low income families residing in the same metropolitan statistical area (MSA) or non-metropolitan county, both inside and outside the PHA jurisdiction;

- (B) The PHA has provided full public notice of such opening to such families, and has conducted outreach and marketing to such families, including outreach and marketing to extremely low income families on the Section 8 and public housing waiting lists of other PHAs with jurisdiction in the same MSA or non-metropolitan county;
- (C) Notwithstanding such actions by the PHA (in accordance with paragraphs (b)(2)(ii)(A) and (B) of this section), there are not enough extremely low income families on the PHA's waiting list to fill available slots in the program during any fiscal year for which use of a lower percent is approved by HUD; and
- (D) Admission of the additional very low income families other than extremely low income families to the PHA's tenant-based voucher program will substantially address worst case housing needs as determined by HUD.

(iii) If approved by HUD, the admission of a portion of very low income welfare-to-work (WTW) families that are not extremely low income families may be disregarded in determining compliance with the PHA's income-targeting obligations under paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section. HUD will grant such approval only if and to the extent that the PHA has demonstrated to HUD's satisfaction that compliance with such targeting obligations with respect to such portion of WTW families would interfere with the objectives of the welfare-to-work voucher program. If HUD grants such approval, admission of that portion of WTW families is not counted in the base number of families admitted to a PHA's tenant-based voucher program during the fiscal year for purposes of income targeting.

(iv) Admission of families as described in paragraphs (b)(1)(ii) or (b)(1)(v) of this section is not subject to targeting under paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section.

(v) If the jurisdictions of two or more PHAs that administer the HCV program cover an identical geographic area, such PHAs may elect to be treated as a single PHA for purposes of targeting under paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section. In such a case, the PHAs shall cooperate to assure that aggregate admissions by such PHAs comply with the targeting requirement. If such PHAs do not have a single fiscal year, HUD will determine which PHA's fiscal year is used for this purpose.

(vi) If a family initially leases a unit outside the PHA jurisdiction under portability procedures at admission to the HCV program, such admission shall be counted against the targeting obligation of the initial PHA (unless the receiving PHA absorbs the portable family into the receiving PHA's HCV program from the point of admission).

(3) The annual income (gross income) of an applicant family is used both for determination of income-eligibility under paragraph (b)(1) of this section and for targeting under paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section. In determining annual income of an applicant family that includes a person with disabilities, the determination must include the disallowance of increase in annual income as provided in 24 CFR 5.617, if applicable.

(4) The applicable income limit for issuance of a voucher when a family is selected for the program is the highest income limit (for the family size) for areas in the PHA jurisdiction. The applicable income limit for admission to the program is the income limit for the area where the family is initially assisted in the program. At admission, the family may only use the voucher to rent a unit in an area where the family is income eligible.

AHFC Policy

Under the Moving to Work Agreement, Section II.D, AHFC is required to ensure that at least 75 percent of the families assisted are very low-income families. New admissions do not include continuously-assisted families, families that move their voucher from one AHFC community to another, or ports into Alaska from other housing authorities.

3. Targeted Funding

HUD Regulation – 24 CFR 982.203

(a) If HUD awards a PHA program funding that is targeted for families living in specified units:

(1) The PHA must use the assistance for the families living in these units.

(2) The PHA may admit a family that is not on the PHA waiting list, or without considering the family's waiting list position. The PHA must maintain records showing that the family was admitted with HUD-targeted assistance.

(b) The following are examples of types of program funding that may be targeted for a family living in a specified unit:

(1) A family displaced because of demolition or disposition of a public housing project;

(2) A family residing in a multifamily rental housing project when HUD sells, forecloses or demolishes the project;

- (3) For housing covered by the Low Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990 (41 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.):
- (i) A non-purchasing family residing in a project subject to a homeownership program (under 24 CFR 248.173); or
 - (ii) A family displaced because of mortgage prepayment or voluntary termination of a mortgage insurance contract (as provided in 24 CFR 248.165);
- (4) A family residing in a project covered by a project-based Section 8 HAP contract at or near the end of the HAP contract term; and
- (5) A non-purchasing family residing in a HOPE 1 or HOPE 2 project.

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