

FAQ HCV Wait List Opening

1-16/18 to 1-30/18

<p>1. What is the HCV Waitlist?</p>	<p>This is the wait list for Housing Choice Vouchers, formerly known as Section 8. Please note that the current opening of the waiting list is for the tenant based program (not the project based program).</p>
<p>2. What is HCV?</p>	<p>HCV stands for Housing Choice Voucher. Eligible families are issued “vouchers” which show the family is eligible for rental assistance. If the family is placed on the wait list and then issued a voucher, they can look for a unit anywhere in Sacramento County. If the landlord agrees to accept a voucher holder, he/she must sign paperwork to follow program rules and to receive payment from the Housing Authority.</p>
<p>3. How do I apply?</p>	<p>Applications are accepted online only. Go to www.sacwaitlist.com, then click on the button under “I want to apply for housing.”</p>
<p>4. Do I have to fill out the whole application?</p>	<p>Yes. You cannot successfully submit the application if any fields are blank.</p>
<p>5. How do I know the application was submitted?</p>	<p>You will see a message with a confirmation code after you click “submit.” Make sure to keep the confirmation code for your records. You will need the code to see if you were successfully placed on the wait list and also to update your application in the future.</p>
<p>6. What happens after I submit my application?</p>	<p>Once the wait list closes, 7,000 families will be selected by a random computerized process to be placed on the wait list. Then, the list is sorted by preferences, or priorities.</p>
<p>7. What are preferences?</p>	<p>Points are assigned to each preference, based on your application. These preferences are decided based on community input and the need in the Sacramento community. We provide preferences for those who are permanently disabled, live or work in Sacramento County, are homeless, rent burdened or have a veteran in the household. The agency will verify the preferences once the family is selected off the wait list. If a preference cannot be verified, your name will be returned to the wait list without that preference point.</p>
<p>8. How will I know if I am on the waiting list?</p>	<p>You can use your confirmation code at www.sacwaitlist.com to see if you are on the wait list after March 1, 2018. We will also send you an email telling you if you are, or are not, on the wait list.</p>
<p>9. What if I don't have an email address?</p>	<p>The Housing Authority is communicating more and more with families through email. It is faster and more secure than mail delivered through the postal service. If you don't have an email, you can go here to learn how to create a free email account. If your name is placed on the wait list (through the computerized random selection) and your name comes to the top of the wait list, the Housing Authority will communicate through mail delivered by the US Postal Service and email. Because email is faster, families who have an email address receive this information first.</p>



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10. Will I receive a letter telling me if I am on the wait list?	No. The Housing Authority will send you an email and you can also use your confirmation code to check your status after March 1, 2018 at www.sacwaitlist.com . Please refer to item 8 for additional information.
11. What if I'm homeless? Do I get a preference?	Yes, families who are homeless will click the appropriate homeless box on the application and receive preference. You will have to verify this information when you start the eligibility process.
12. What happens if I made the list?	Congratulations if you made it on the wait list. However, you must wait until your name is selected to begin the eligibility process. In the meantime, you can go to www.sacwaitlist.com to update your information. You must report any changes to your address, income, family household, rent, etc as this may change your place on the wait list or affect how we can reach you.
13. What happens after the wait list closes?	Families will be selected as there are openings in the voucher program. Once selected, families will be required to verify the information they reported online. If they meet the preferences, staff will begin to determine the family's eligibility for the program. If the family does not meet the preferences they reported, the family will be returned to the wait list with the reduced preference points.

