





Vermont State Housing Authority One Prospect Street Montpelier, VT 05602 Phone: 802-828-1991; Fax: 802-828-2111; Message Line: 1-800-820-5119; TTY: 1-800-798-3118

## Housing Choice Voucher Program: Application for Assistance

Thank you for your interest in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Please make sure to read the instructions below prior to submitting your application as there is important information of which you should be aware.

## PLEASE KEEP THESE INSTURCTIONS FOR YOUR RECORDS

## **Return Parts II and III to VSHA**

• Vermont State Housing Authority operates the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program primarily through telephone, mail and electronic correspondence. If you have questions feel free to contact the Intake Department directly. If you would like to meet with staff it is best to call for an appointment to insure availability.

• If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities and you need a reasonable accommodation to complete this application, please refer to the "Notice of Right to Reasonable Accommodation" on page 2.

• Vermont State Housing Authority will provide free interpretation services to clients who have limited English Proficiency.

• If you move and do not update your address, your file may be inactivated during our update. You will need to re-apply.

• Please answer all questions on the application form. Do not leave any questions blank. If a question does not apply to you, please write "none". All Yes or No questions must be checked (v).

- If you need more space to answer a question, please attach one or more pages to the application.
- Unless specifically indicated, all questions in this application apply to all members of the household.

• All information that you provide on this application must be true and complete. It is a violation of federal and state criminal law to make false statements on an application for housing assistance. Vermont State Housing Authority will verify information through computer matching with other federal agencies through HUD's Upfront Income Verification (UIV) process. If you do not understand a question, please call the Intake Department.

• The legal head of household and all adults 18 and over must sign and date the application.

• Criminal background checks and sex offender registration checks on all adult household members (including live-in aides) will be completed before determining final eligibility.

#### To qualify for housing assistance an applicant must:

• Have an annual income at the time of admission that does not exceed the income limit established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- Meet the HUD requirements for citizenship or immigration status.
- Provide a copy of Social Security cards for all family members when requested.
- Pay any money owed to VSHA or any other housing authority.
- Not be subject to lifetime sex offender registration requirements.
- Sign authorization forms in order to verify eligibility requirements.

- Not have any household members who have engaged in any criminal activity that threatens the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.
- Not have any household members who have engaged in any drug-related or violent criminal activity.

#### **RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:** Vermont State Housing Authority One Prospect St Montpelier, VT 05602

#### Notice of Right to Reasonable Accommodation

A Reasonable Accommodation is intended to enable a person with a disability to have equal access to and enjoyment of the housing programs administered by the Vermont State Housing Authority (VSHA) through changes to either rules, policies or procedures. VSHA is obligated to make an accommodation that is reasonable, provided that doing so does not present an undue financial and administrative burden and has an identifiable relationship to the individual's disability.

If you have a disability and you need:

- an exception, change or adjustment in our rules, policies, practices or services that would make it easier for you to apply for or participate in our programs,
- a change in the way we communicate with you or give you information,
- You may ask for this kind of exception, change or adjustment, which we call a Reasonable Accommodation.

If you verify you have a disability, if your request is reasonable and financially and administratively possible, we will try to make the changes you request.

If you need assistance in making your Request for a Reasonable Accommodation, VSHA staff will be happy to provide help.

We will review your request and give you an answer in 10 working days unless there is a problem getting all the information we need or unless you agree to a longer time. We will let you know if we need more information or verification from you or if we would like to talk to you about other ways to meet your needs.

If we turn down your request, we will explain the reasons and you can give us more information if you think that will help.

To request a Reasonable Accommodation:

- Call 1-802-828-1991
- Call 1-800-798-3118 (TTY line)
- Write to Vermont State Housing Authority, One Prospect St, Montpelier, VT 05602
- Email contact@vsha.org
- Message Line: 1-800-820-5119

If you need help completing the reasonable accommodation form, or if you would like to submit a request in some other way, please let us know.

#### List of Acceptable Documentation – MUST BE PROVIDED BY APPLICANT For any household member who is <u>employed</u>:

#### 1. If new employment:

- a. a recent "letter of hire" showing the number of hours worked per week and the rate of pay; OR
- b. A payroll summary generated by the employer within the past 60 days which indicates the start date.
- 2. If existing employment (previously verified): Paystubs for four consecutive weeks, issued in the past thirty days; OR

#### For any household member who receives Social Security benefits:

1. A current Social Security Award letter, which may be obtained by calling 1-800-772-1213 or by going to www.ssa.gov

#### For any household member who receives <u>Welfare/Reach Up/General Assistance</u> benefits:

- 1. A benefit statement / award letter issued by the Department of Economic Services; OR
- 2. A benefit history issued by the Department of Economic Services

#### For any household member who receives <u>Unemployment</u> Benefits:

- 1. Two consecutive check stubs; OR
- 2. The award letter stating the amount of the weekly benefit

#### For <u>child support</u> paid directly to your household by the non-custodial parent:

1. A copy of the child support order

#### For <u>child support</u> paid through the Office of Child Support:

- 1. Two consecutive check stubs; OR
- 2. The child support order; OR
- 3. Correspondence from the Office of Child Support confirming the amount of support

# For any <u>assets</u> held by a bank, broker, fund manager or other financial institution, including <u>retirement</u>, <u>checking, savings, mutual fund, certificates of deposits</u>, etc..:

1. A statement issued by the financial institution within the past sixty days

#### For any household member who is 18 or older and a student:

- 1. Documentation issued by the educational institution showing that they are enrolled, and whether the enrollment is part time or full time, AND
- 2. Documentation issued by the institution showing the amount of tuition.

Head of Household name: SS#: XXX-XX-

Vermont State Housing Authority offers the following preferences that can affect your place on the waiting list. If you feel you qualify for any of these preferences, please check below. The Disaster Preference is ranked the highest of all preferences. The Transitional Housing Preference and Homeless Families with Case Management Support Preference are ranked equally. If a change in these preferences is proposed in the future, a public hearing would be held since the outcome may affect your placement on the waiting list.

#### **Preferences:**

- **1.** [] Yes [] No Disaster Preference: This preference is ranked the highest of all preferences and is available to families who are displaced due to fire, flood, natural disaster, or condemnation by a local, State, or Federal Agency.
- 2. [ ] Yes [ ] No Preference for Homeless Families with Case Management Support: This Preference will be provided to families who are homeless (as defined below) and who will be receiving regular on-site case management support from a local homeless services, social services or mental health agency for at least one year after moving into a voucher-assisted unit. Status will be verified through the agency providing case management.

Homeless Definition: An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: a. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground; or b. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or c. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution".

This Preference is limited to no more than 100 applicants / fiscal year

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- **3.** [] Yes [] No <u>Transitional Housing Preference</u>: This preference is available to individuals and families who are Transitioning from one of the following programs administered by the Vermont State Housing Authority (check appropriate program below):
  - [ ] VSHA's / HUD's Family Unification program for Youth in Transition;
  - [ ] The Vermont Rental Subsidy Program (a 12 month rapid rehousing

Initiative administered by the Vermont Agency of Human Services, *Applications for this preference* will be accepted **only after** 9 months of participation)

[ ] Individuals/families transitioning from a Domestic Violence Transitional Housing Program (currently on or eligible to be on the Continuum of Care Homeless Inventory Chart for homeless beds), these include:

□ Voices against Violence (scattered Site TH)

 $\Box$  Sophie's Place

 $\Box$  Scattered Site TH

U WomenSafe

[ ] VSHA's / HUD's Continuum of Care Programs

Shelter+Care: Applicants transitioning from HUD's/VSHA's Shelter

Plus Care program MUST provide certification from the (Shelter plus Care) sponsoring organization that the applicant has participated in the shelter plus care program for <u>no less than 36 months</u> and has met the goals of their case management plan.

**Rapid Rehousing**: Applications for this preference will be accepted **only after** 9 months of participation in Rapid Rehousing

To be considered for the Transitional Housing Preference, applicants <u>must</u> meet the following additional criteria:

- 1. Actively participating in a case-management plan which includes an exit plan with an appropriate organization providing these services; **and**
- 2. Be in compliance with any lease agreement (verbal or written). Families must be current in their rent and any other conditions of tenancy. Families cannot be subject to an eviction action. VSHA will require Certification from the applicant's current landlord stating they are *in good standing and in compliance with their lease agreement.*

If you are claiming one of these local preferences, you **must** provide us with the name, address and phone number of the Town Health Officer or Agency (homeless services, social services or mental health agency) that can verify your housing situation.

Name of	FAgency v	vho can ve	rify prefe	rence sta	tus:		 	_
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Name of Individual (if known) and title who can verify preference status: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Address of Agency: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number of Agency /Individual\_\_\_\_\_



PART II: Tenant Information Form

Please complete this form and return to: Vermont State Housing Authority One Prospect Street Montpelier, VT 05602 If you need assistance completing This form, contact us at:

802-828-1991

I am applying for: Device Voucher Project Based Voucher Moderate Rehab

Please check the boxes in Part III, to indicate the property and bedroom size your household requires, and return along with Part II of the Pre-Application Without this we are unable to process your application

Part 1: Household Information

Starting on the first line for the Head of Household, please supply the following information for all adults and children that will live in the housing unit to be assisted. List adults first, then children.

1.Last Name	2.First Name		3.MI	4.DOB	5. Gender	6. Relationship to Head ?		7. Disabled
8. Ethnicity (check one bo		9. Race (check all that apply)				10. socia	al sec. #	
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## Part 1: Household (continued)

1	Does your family lack a regular nighttime residence, live in a shelter or other non- residential place?	
_		□Yes □ No
2	Is the Head of Household pregnant?	□Yes □ No
3	Have you or anyone in your household every served in the armed services? If so.         Who?	□Yes □ No
4	Do you give VSHA Permission to share your name with the Veterans Administration Medical Center? Name: Signature:	□Yes □ No
5	Do you currently live or have you previously lived in, public housing, housing assisted by the Section 8 program, or any other type of federally subsidized housing? If you checked yes to this question: When and where:	□Yes □ No
6	Have you or any member of your household been evicted from public housing, Indian housing, section 23 housing or housing assisted by the Section 8 program, for drug related criminal activity during the past three years?	□Yes □ No
7	Have you or any member of your household been convicted of drug-related criminal activity for manufacture or production of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing?	□Yes □ No
8	Are you or any member of your household subject to a lifetime sex offender registration under a state sex offender registration?	□Yes □ No
9	If any child or foster child under age 6 residing in the assisted unit tested positive for EBL list the first name of each child with EBL (elevated blood level) here:	□Yes □ No

Part 2: unit to be occupied by assisted family (if known)					
Owner Information:	Assisted Unit Information:				
Name:	Address:	Apt #:			
Address:	City:				
Phone:	State:				

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1. Has any member of the family given away or disposed of assets valued at more than \$1000 for

less than fair market value during the past two years?

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List household assets held by any family member (even children), in the space provided below. An asset is any one of the following:

401 (k)	Checking account	Life insurance policies	Pensions	Stock
Bonds	Individual retirement accounts	Money Market Account	Property (Land)	Trust Funds
Certificate of Deposits	Inheritances	Mutual Funds	Savings Accounts	

Documentation Required: Please provide current statements showing the value and interest rate of each asset and check the "Documentation Attached" box for each income.

Account Holder	Type of Account	Account #	Current Balance	Documentation Attached
			\$	□yes □no
verification Source Name and address				

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verification Source Name and address				

Part 4: Income Information:

1. Did you file a federal income tax return last year?

□yes □no

2. Does anyone living outside your household pay for or provide money for any of your household bills or living expenses? □yes □no

List income information for all family members 18 or older, including income received on behalf of the household members under the age of 18. Income is any one of the following:

Alimony	Food Stamps	Self-Employment	Wages/Salaries
Child Support	Military pay	Social Security Benefits	Welfare Benefits
Financial Assistance to attend school	Periodic gifts	SSI	Workers Compensation
Disability Benefits	<b>Retirement Payments</b>	Unemployment Benefits	

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED: Provide four weeks of current and consecutive original paystubs, payroll summary reports, SSA benefit verification letters, child support payment stubs, welfare benefit letters and /or printouts, selfemployment tax statements, or unemployment benefits notices, and check the Documentation Attached box for each income.

Member Name	Income type	Monthly income	Documentation attached
			□yes □no
verification Source Name and address			

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		□yes	□no
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If you need more space please attach additional page

Pai	t 5: Household Expenses		
1.	Does any adult household member (18 or older) attend school full time ?(If yes, provide current enrollment and financial aid information from registrar or admissions officer and enter contact information in the section below)	□yes	□no
2.			
	child care so that an adult family member can work?	□yes	□no
3.	Does any member of your family have UNREIMBURSED EXPENSES for care of a person with		
	disabilities so that an adult family member can work?	□yes	□no
4.	ONLY complete the following if the head of household, spouse, or co-head is age 62 Or older, or has a disability.		
	Does any member of your family have UNREIMBURSED medical expenses (i.e. medical		
	premiums, medical/dental/optical expenses, prescriptions and OTC medicines)	□yes	□no
list	expense information relating to questions marked as yes on next nage		

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**DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**: Provide documentation from verification source showing the monthly payment for each medical or childcare expense and check the Documentation Attached box for each expense.

Member Name	Allowance type	Monthly Payment	Documentation attached		
		\$	□yes □no		
verification source Name and Address					

Member Name	Allowance type	Monthly Payment	Documentation attached
		\$	□yes □no
verification source Name and Address			

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verification source Name and Address					

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verification source Name and Address					

#### Part 6: HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD MUST SIGN THIS FORM CERTIFYING ACCURACY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED

I certify that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that I can be fined up to \$10,000 or imprisoned up to five years if I furnish false or incomplete information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART II: Please Return to VSHA

## HUD/FEDERALLY MANDATED EXCLUDED INCOME

Although not included for purposed of eligibility or rent calculation, HUD requires that nay income received from the following categories be documented. Please read the list and fill in any lines that are applicable. If more than one family member received one category, please list them separately.

Exclusion	Family Member	Annual Amount
Income from employment of children under 18		
Payments received from Foster children or Foster adults		
Lump sum additions to family assets (deferred payment, inheritance, capital gains insurance payments, etc.)		
Medical Reimbursements		
Income of Live-in Aide		
Student Financial Aid		
Special Armed Services Pay (when family member is exposed to hostile fire)		
Resident Services Stipend (not to exceed \$200 per month		
Sporadic Income (gifts, pay of a census taker)		
Holocaust reparation payments		
Earnings for full time students (in excess of \$480) Doesn't include head or spouse		
Adoption Assistance Payments		
Development Disability Care Payment		
Refunds and rebates for property taxes		
PASS (plan for achieving self-support)		
Other publicly funded programs (amounts specifically for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses to allow participation in a specific program)		
HUD Funded training program		
Americorps Living Allowance		
Indian Settlements/Trust		
Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965		
Spina Bifida-any allowance paid under the provision of 38 U.S.C. 1805 to a child suffering from Spina Bifida who is a child of a Vietnam Veteran		
Agent Orange Settlements		
Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990		
Earned Income Tax Credit Refunds		
Crime Victim Compensation		
Title V of the older Americans Act (Senior community Service in Employment Program)		

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

### Authorization for the Release of Information/ **Privacy Act Notice**

to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 2501-0014 exp. 07/31/2017

PHA requesting release of information; <b>(Cross out space if none)</b> (Full address, name of contact person, and date)	(Full address, name of contact person, and date)
Vermont State Housing Authority	
1 Prospect St	
Montpelier, VT 05602	
December 10, 2015	

Authority: Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by Section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and Section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. This law is found at 42 U.S.C. 3544.

This law requires that you sign a consent form authorizing: (1) HUD and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA) to request verification of salary and wages from current or previous employers; (2) HUD and the HA to request wage and unemployment compensation claim information from the state agency responsible for keeping that information; (3) HUD to request certain tax return information from the U.S. Social Security Administration and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. The law also requires independent verification of income information. Therefore, HUD or the HA may request information from financial institutions to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

Purpose: In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD and the above-named HA to request income information from the sources listed on the form. HUD and the HA need this information to verify your household's income, in order to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct HUD and the HA may participate in computer matching level. programs with these sources in order to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

Uses of Information to be Obtained: HUD is required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. HUD may disclose information (other than tax return information) for certain routine uses, such as to other government agencies for law enforcement purposes, to Federal agencies for employment suitability purposes and to HAs for the purpose of determining housing assistance. The HA is also required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with any applicable State privacy law. HUD and HA employees may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of the income information that is obtained based on the consent form. Private owners may not request or receive information authorized by this form.

Who Must Sign the Consent Form: Each member of your household who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the household or whenever members of the household become 18 years of age.

Persons who apply for or receive assistance under the following programs are required to sign this consent form:

PHA-owned rental public housing

Turnkey III Homeownership Opportunities

Mutual Help Homeownership Opportunity

Section 23 and 19(c) leased housing

Section 23 Housing Assistance Payments

HA-owned rental Indian housing

Section 8 Rental Certificate

Section 8 Rental Voucher

Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

Failure to Sign Consent Form: Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to the HA's grievance procedures and Section 8 informal hearing procedures.

#### Sources of Information To Be Obtained

State Wage Information Collection Agencies. (This consent is limited to the wages and unemployment compensation I have received during period(s) within the last 5 years when I have received assisted housing benefits.)

U.S. Social Security Administration (HUD only) (This consent is limited to the wage and self employment information and payments of retirement income as referenced at Section 6103(1)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

U.S. Internal Revenue Service (HUD only) (This consent is limited to unearned income [i.e., interest and dividends].)

Information may also be obtained directly from: (a) current and former employers concerning salary and wages and (b) financial institutions concerning unearned income (i.e., interest and dividends). I understand that income information obtained from these sources will be used to verify information that I provide in determining eligibility for assisted housing programs and the level of benefits. Therefore, this consent form only authorizes release directly from employers and financial institutions of information regarding any period(s) within the last 5 years when I have received assisted housing benefits.

### **PART II**

Consent: I consent to allow HUD or the HA to request and obtain income information from the sources listed on this form for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under HUD's assisted housing programs. I understand that HAs that receive income information under this consent form cannot use it to deny, reduce or terminate assistance without first independently verifying what the amount was, whether I actually had access to the funds and when the funds were received. In addition, I must be given an opportunity to contest those determinations.

This consent form expires 15 months after signed.

#### Signatures:

Head of Household	Date		
Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household		Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Spouse	Date	Olher Family Member over age 18	Date
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date

**Privacy Act Notice.** Authority: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and by the Fair Housing Act (42U.S.C. 3601-19). The Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3543) requires applicants and participants to submit the Social Security Number of each household member who is six years old or older. Purpose: Your income and other information are being collected by HUD to determine your eligibility, the appropriate bedroom size, and the amount your family will pay toward rent and utilities. Other Uses: HUD uses your family income and other information to assist in managing and monitoring HUD-assisted housing programs, to protect the Government's financial interest, and to verify the accuracy of the information you provide. This information may be released to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant, and to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators and prosecutors. However, the information requested by the HA, including all Social Security Numbers you, and all other household members age six years and older, have and use. Giving the Social Security Numbers of all household members six years of age and older is mandatory, and not providing the Social Security Numbers will affect your eligibility. Failure to provide any of the requested information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

#### Penalties for Misusing this Consent:

HUD, the HA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, the HA or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form.

Use of the information collected based on the form HUD-9886 is restricted to the purposes cited on the form HUD-9886. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD, the HA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.

## **PART II**

## Authorization for the Release of Information

	Tenant ID
HA requesting release of information: Vermont State Housing Authority 1 Prospect St Montpelier, VT 05602	
December 10, 2015	
<ul> <li>Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1437f and 3535(d), implemented at 24CFR 982.551(b).</li> <li>Purpose: In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD and the above-named HA to request information including but not limited to: identity and marital status, employment income and assets, residences and rental activity, Medical or Child Care Allowances, Credit and Criminal Activity. HUD and the HA need this information to verify your eligibility for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. HUD and the HA may participate in computer matching programs with these sources in order to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.</li> <li>Uses of Information to be Obtained: HUD is required to protect the information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.</li> </ul>	Failure to Sign Consent Form: Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to the HA's grievance procedures and Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures.         Sources of Information: The groups or individuals that may be asked to release the authorized information include but are not limited to:         Previous Landlords (including Public Housing Agencies)         Courts and Post Offices         Schools and Colleges         Law Enforcement Agencies         Support and Alimony Providers         Past and Present Employers
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Who Must Sign the Consent Form: Each member of your household who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the household or whenever members of the household become 18 years of age.	Internal Revenue Service
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This consent form expires 15 months after signed

Signatures:			
, Head of Household	Date	Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household	
Spouse	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
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#### Penalties for Misusing this Consent:

HUD, the HA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, the HA or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form. Use of the information collected based on this form is restricted to the purposes cited above. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD, the HA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.

## Part II

#### VERMONT STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK SECTION 8 HOUSING

Applicant:					
Maiden Name:					
Aliases:					
Date of Birth:					
SS#:					
Gender:		Race:			
Place of Birth:					
	City/Town	State	Country		
Phone Number:					
List all states in which you have lived:					

#### RELEASE

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## PART II: RETURN THIS SECTION TO VSHA

Optional and Supplemental Contact Information for HUD-Assisted Housing Applicants

#### SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING

This form is to be provided to each applicant for federally assisted housing

**Instructions: Optional Contact Person or Organization**: You have the right by law to include as part of your application for housing, the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or social, health, advocacy, or other organization. This contact information is for the purpose of identifying a person or organization that may be able to help in resolving any issues that may arise during your tenancy or to assist in providing any special care or services you may require. **You may update**, **remove, or change the information you provide on this form at any time.** You are not required to provide this contact information, but if you choose to do so, please include the relevant information on this form.

Check this box if you choose not to provide the contact information.

Applicant Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:	
Name of Additional Contact Person or Organiza	ation:	
Address:		
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:	
E-Mail Address (if applicable):		
Relationship to Applicant:		
Reason for Contact: (Check all that apply)		
Emergency	Assist with Recertification P	rocess
Unable to contact you	Change in lease terms	
Termination of rental assistance	Change in house rules	
Eviction from unit	Other:	
Late payment of rent		
<b>Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner:</b> If you arise during your tenancy or if you require any services or issues or in providing any services or special care to you	or special care, we may contact the person or or	
<b>Confidentiality Statement:</b> The information provided o applicant or applicable law.	n this form is confidential and will not be disc	losed to anyone except as permitted by the
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Privacy Statement: Public Law 102-550, authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to collect all the information (except the Social Security Number (SSN)) which will be used by HUD to protect disbursement data from fraudulent actions.



## U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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## **DEBTS OWED TO PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES AND TERMINATIONS**

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HUD requires PHAs, which administers the above-listed rental housing programs, to report certain information at the conclusion of your participation in a HUD rental assistance program. This notice provides you with information on what information the PHA is required to provide HUD, who will have access to this information, how this information is used and your rights. PHAs are required to provide this notice to all applicants and program participants and you are required to acknowledge receipt of this notice by signing page 2. Each adult household member must sign this form.

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The following information is collected about each member of your household (family composition): full name, date of birth, and Social Security Number.

The following adverse information is collected once your participation in the housing program has ended, whether you voluntarily or involuntarily move out of an assisted unit:

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# **Declaration of Citizenship**

Please complete this form and return to: Vermont State Housing Authority 1 Prospect Street Montpelier, VT 05602

## Part 1: Applies to All Family/Household Members

Each person who will benefit under the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program must either be a citizen or national of the United States, or be a noncitizen who has eligible immigration status that qualifies them for rental assistance as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

One box on this form must be checked for each family member indicating status as a citizen or a national of the United States, or a noncitizen with eligible immigration status. Family members residing in the unit to be assisted that do not claim to be a citizen or national of the United States, or do not claim to be a noncitizen with eligible immigration status should not check any box.

All adults must sign where indicated. For each child who is not 18 years of age, the form must be signed by an adult member of the family residing in the dwelling unit who is responsible for the child.

First Name	Last Name	Age	l am a citizen or a national of the U.S	l am a noncitizen with eligible immigration status	Signature of Adult listed to the left, or Signature of Guardian for Minors
					Х
					X
					X
					X
					X
					Х
					X
					X
					Х

Warning- Title 18 US Code Section 1001 states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making a false or fraudulent statement to any department or agency of the United States. If this form contains false or incomplete information, you may be required to repay all overpaid rental assistance you received; fined up to \$10,000; imprisoned for up to 5 years; and/or prohibited from receiving future assistance.

#### Head of Household Certification

As head of household I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all members of my household are listed on Part 1 of this form and that members of my household that have not checked either box on Part 1 of this form do not claim to be citizens or nationals of the United States, or noncitizens with eligible immigration status.

Signature

## Part 2: Applies to Noncitizen Family Members Only

All family members who have claimed eligible immigration status on Part 1 of this form must provide this office with an original of one of the following documents:

- (1) Form I-551, Alien Registration Receipt Cart
- (2) Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record with appropriate annotations or documents
- (3) Form I-688, Temporary Resident Card
- (4) Form I-688B, Employment Authorization Card
- (5) A receipt issued by the INS indicating that an application for issuance of a replacement document in one of the above-listed categories has been made and the applicant's entitlement to the document has been verified.

#### **Consent to Verify Eligible Immigration Status**

Each family member required to complete part 2 of this form must sign below granting consent to verify eligible immigration status. For each child who is not 18 years of age, the form must be signed by an adult member of the family residing in the dwelling unit who is responsible for the child.

First Name	Last Name Age	Signature of Adult listed to the left, or Signature of Guardian for Minors	Office Use Only INS VERIF. #
		X	
		X	
		Х	
		Х	
		Х	
		Х	
		Х	
		X	
		Х	

Evidence supplied with this form may be released by the Housing Agency, without responsibility for its further use or transmission, to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for purposes of verification of the immigration status of the individual or to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, as required. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is not responsible for the further use or transmission of the evidence or other information.