Waiting List Questions:

Can I apply for the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8 Program)?
The Section 8 program is currently closed. To date, there is no scheduled date to reopen the waiting list. When the waiting list opens, the Housing Authority will publish it in all of the local newspapers and on the web page at www.hacsj.org

What programs do you have available?
For program availability, click here to access the affordable housing pre-application form. You can locate the available programs under the “Current Waiting List Programs” section.

Where is my position number on the waiting list?
The Housing Authority does not provide position numbers. That information is not available.

How long is the waiting time?
It is not possible to predict how long an applicant will be on the waiting list. The wait time depends on the turnover rate and funding. In many cases, an applicant may have to wait an undetermined amount of years before their name will reach the top of the list.

What is the income requirement for the Section 8 program?
Income limits are only established for new people being admitted to the program.

What if an applicant needs to make a change to their waiting list application?
All changes to waiting list applications must be made in writing. Changes may be submitted by mail at 2575 Grand Canal Blvd., Ste. 100, Stockton, CA 95207 or hand carried into the office at 2575 Grand Canal Blvd., Ste. 100, Stockton CA 95207

Continued Eligibility Questions

What are your payment standards?
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• Payment Standards are available on the website at www.hacsj.org. The payment standards will not be the same as the voucher amount. The Housing Authority makes that determination when all household information (income, composition, etc.) has been received. The payment standard is the maximum subsidy payment before any deductions.

I have a Section 8 voucher for a 3 bedroom. Would I be able to move into a larger or smaller bedroom unit?
It is not advisable that you move into a larger or smaller unit unless the contract rent is at or below the estimated rent amount on your voucher.

When can I move?
The Housing Authority prohibits any move during the initial lease term. The Housing Authority also prohibits more than one move during any one-year period. The Housing Authority and the
The landlord must approve a transfer. Exceptions include: when the lease has been terminated by the Housing Authority due to owner’s breach, the family is a victim of domestic, dating or stalking violence; or the lease has been terminated by mutual agreement of the owner and the tenant.

**Can I move to another city or state?**
Families receiving Section 8 assistance may move anywhere in the United States that administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8).

**How much will the Housing Authority pay on my behalf?**
The Housing Authority pays about 30% of your adjusted monthly income. Other factors include the voucher payment standard and the gross rent.

**Can I reschedule my appointments?**
The Housing Authority recommends that you keep your scheduled appointments to avoid delay in service. The Housing Authority will reschedule at least once. This includes annual reexaminations, interim examinations, and inspections.

**How do I add or remove people from my household?**
Families are required to report changes to the family composition within 30 days of the change. All changes must be submitted in writing. Approval is needed to add members to the household. The Housing Authority is required to conduct a criminal background check on all adult members over the age of 18 and older. Changes to household composition may affect the voucher size and subsidy amount.

**Who is my caseworker?**
Caseworkers are assigned by last name. If you do not know your case worker call 209 460-5000.

**Who do I report changes to?**
All changes should be reported to your assigned caseworker.

**I am transferring in from another city/state. What are the amounts per bedroom size?**
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**I am transferring in from another city/state. Who should I send my portable transfer packet to?**
The mailing address is: 2575 Grand Canal Blvd. Ste. 100 Stockton, Stockton, CA 95207