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**PRESQUE ISLE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**FOR AGENCY USE ONLY:**

58 Birch Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769

Phone: (207) 768-8231

Fax: (207) 764-5614

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**Date & Time Received**

**INITIAL APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HOUSING**

*If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities, and you require a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize our programs and services, please contact the Housing Authority.*

**Public Housing Program**  
You must complete **ALL** Information

<b>Head of Household:</b> (Full Legal Name)	<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Middle Initial:</b>	<b>Last Name:</b>	<b>Suffix:</b> (Sr./Jr.)
<b>Physical/Home Address:</b> (Do Not List PO Box)	<b>Street</b>	<b>Unit/Apt#</b>	<b>City/Town:</b>	<b>Zip Code:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b> (if different)				
<b>Home Phone:</b> _____	<b>Work Phone:</b> _____	<b>Cell Phone:</b> _____	<b>Email Address:</b> (optional) _____	
<b>Date of Birth:</b> ____/____/____	<b>Social Security #:</b> ____/____/____	<b>Gender:</b> _____		

**Check all that apply to Head of Household:**

- Female  Male  Single  Married  Divorced  Separated  Widow/Widower   
 Employed  Unemployed  Self-Employed  Student  Emancipated Minor  Retired   
 Disabled  Handicapped

**RACE AND ETHNICITY OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD**

**Race - Check the Appropriate Race (more than one category can be entered if applicable)**

- White       Black/African American       American Indian/Alaskan Native  
 Asian       Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

**Ethnicity - (Check the Appropriate Ethnicity)**     Hispanic or Latino     Not Hispanic or Latino

**Contact Person outside of your Household: (if we are unable to reach you)**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are applying for Senior/Disabled Public Housing, can you walk up stairs?      Yes       No

Does anyone in your family use a wheelchair? (optional)      Yes       No

Are you currently receiving housing assistance (paying 30% of income)?      Yes       No

If yes, through which agency? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your current landlord? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received housing assistance from a federal agency in the past (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Rural Development, Farmers Home Administration)?

Yes       No       If yes, please list agency or landlord \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD**

*List all persons age 18 or older that will be living in the home, beginning with the head of household. Each box must be completed for each member. No one except those listed on this form may live in the unit. After all the adult members are listed, list all children (17 and younger) that will be living in the home, oldest to youngest. Please note that if a household member is currently expecting a baby to please write "baby" under name and the due date under date of birth (this is needed to determine the correct bedroom size on the waiting list).*

FULL NAME (First, Middle, Last)	Relation to Head	US Citizen Y/N	Disabled? Y/N	Sex M/F	Date of Birth	Soc. Security # or Alien Registration #
	<b>HEAD</b>					

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCOME OF MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY**

*Income includes money or contributions from **any and all sources** paid to or on behalf of a family member.*

List the sources and amounts of all income (money) expected for the coming 12 months for all family members from any and all sources.

Family Member Name	Income Source	Amount \$	Frequency – (Circle One)
			Week Month Year
			Week Month Year
			Week Month Year
			Week Month Year
			Week Month Year
			Week Month Year
			Week Month Year

**WARNING: TITLE 18, SECTION 1001 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE STATES THAT A PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY FOR KNOWINGLY AND WILLINGLY MAKING FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS TO ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES AND SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$10,000 OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OR BOTH.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Head of Household

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Spouse or Co-Head

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 (42 U.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 at least 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 the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, when relevant, and to civil, criminal, or regulatory investigators and prosecutors. However, the information will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law.

**Penalty:** You must provide all the information requested by the Housing Authority (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.

# 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: (Cross out space if none)  
(Full address, name of contact person, and date)

IHA requesting release of information: (Cross out space if none)  
(Full address, name of contact person, and date)

Presque Isle Housing Authority  
58 Birch Street  
Presque Isle, ME 04769

**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 level. HUD and the HA may participate in computer matching 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 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(l)(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.

**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	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	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 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.



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

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

**Paperwork Reduction Notice:** The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3520) and assigned OMB control number 2577-0266. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless the collection displays a current valid OMB control number.

**NOTICE TO APPLICANTS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE FOLLOWING HUD RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:**

- Public Housing (24 CFR 960)
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, including the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (24 CFR 982)
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (24 CFR 882)
- Project-Based Voucher (24 CFR 983)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development maintains a national repository of debts owed to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) or Section 8 landlords and adverse information of former participants who have voluntarily or involuntarily terminated participation in one of the above-listed HUD rental assistance programs. This information is maintained within HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system, which is used by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and their management agents to verify employment and income information of program participants, as well as, to reduce administrative and rental assistance payment errors. The EIV system is designed to assist PHAs and HUD in ensuring that families are eligible to participate in HUD rental assistance programs and determining the correct amount of rental assistance a family is eligible for. All PHAs are required to use this system in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 5.233.

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.

**What information about you and your tenancy does HUD collect from the PHA?**

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:

1. Amount of any balance you owe the PHA or Section 8 landlord (up to \$500,000) and explanation for balance owed (i.e. unpaid rent, retroactive rent (due to unreported income and/ or change in family composition) or other charges such as damages, utility charges, etc.); and
2. Whether or not you have entered into a repayment agreement for the amount that you owe the PHA; and
3. Whether or not you have defaulted on a repayment agreement; and
4. Whether or not the PHA has obtained a judgment against you; and
5. Whether or not you have filed for bankruptcy; and
6. The negative reason(s) for your end of participation or any negative status (i.e. abandoned unit, fraud, lease violations, criminal activity, etc.) as of the end of participation date.



**Who will have access to the information collected?**

This information will be available to HUD employees, PHA employees, and contractors of HUD and PHAs.

**How will this information be used?**

PHAs will have access to this information during the time of application for rental assistance and reexamination of family income and composition for existing participants. PHAs will be able to access this information to determine a family's suitability for initial or continued rental assistance, and avoid providing limited Federal housing assistance to families who have previously been unable to comply with HUD program requirements. If the reported information is accurate, your current rental assistance may be terminated and your future request for HUD rental assistance may be denied for a period of up to ten years from the date you moved out of an assisted unit or were terminated from a HUD rental assistance program.

**How long is the debt owed and termination information maintained in EIV?**

Debt owed and termination information will be maintained in EIV for a period of up to ten (10) years from the end of participation date.

**What are my rights?**

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 USC 552a) and HUD regulations pertaining to its implementation of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (24 CFR Part 16), you have the following rights:

1. To have access to your records maintained by HUD.
2. To have an administrative review of HUD's initial denial of your request to have access to your records maintained by HUD.
3. To have incorrect information in your record corrected upon written request.
4. To file an appeal request of an initial adverse determination on correction or amendment of record request within 30 calendar days after the issuance of the written denial.
5. To have your record disclosed to a third party upon receipt of your written and signed request.

**What do I do if I dispute the debt or termination information reported about me?**

You should contact the PHA, who has reported this information about you, in writing, if you disagree with the reported information. The PHA's name, address, and telephone numbers are listed on the Debts Owed and Termination Report. You have a right to request and obtain a copy of this report from the PHA. Inform the PHA why you dispute the information and provide any documentation that supports your dispute. Disputes must be made within three years from the end of participation date. Otherwise the debt and termination information is presumed correct. Only the PHA who reported the adverse information about you can delete or correct your record.

Your filing of bankruptcy will not result in the removal of debt owed or termination information from HUD's EIV system. However, if you have included this debt in your bankruptcy filing and/or this debt has been discharged by the bankruptcy court, your record will be updated to include the bankruptcy indicator, when you provide the PHA with documentation of your bankruptcy status.

The PHA will notify you in writing of its action regarding your dispute within 30 days of receiving your written dispute. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is incorrect, the PHA will update or delete the record. If the PHA determines that the disputed information is correct, the PHA will provide an explanation as to why the information is correct.

<p><b>This Notice was provided by the below-listed PHA:</b></p>	<p><b>I hereby acknowledge that the PHA provided me with the <i>Debts Owed to PHAs &amp; Termination Notice:</i></b></p>	
	<p><b>Signature</b></p>	<p><b>Date</b></p>
<p><b>Printed Name</b></p>		



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.

<b>Applicant Name:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone No:</b>	<b>Cell Phone No:</b>
<b>Name of Additional Contact Person or Organization:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone No:</b>	<b>Cell Phone No:</b>
<b>E-Mail Address (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Relationship to Applicant:</b>	
<b>Reason for Contact: (Check all that apply)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Recertification Process
<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to contact you	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in lease terms
<input type="checkbox"/> Termination of rental assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in house rules
<input type="checkbox"/> Eviction from unit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Late payment of rent	
<b>Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner:</b> If you are approved for housing, this information will be kept as part of your tenant file. If issues arise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special care, we may contact the person or organization you listed to assist in resolving the issues or in providing any services or special care to you.	
<b>Confidentiality Statement:</b> The information provided on this form is confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted by the applicant or applicable law.	
<b>Legal Notification:</b> Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offered the option of providing information regarding an additional contact person or organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing provider agrees to comply with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibitions on discrimination in admission to or participation in federally assisted housing programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status under the Fair Housing Act, and the prohibition on age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.	

**Signature of Applicant**

**Date**

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) imposed on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization. The objective of providing such information is to facilitate contact by the housing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing any delivery of services or special care to the tenant and assist with resolving any tenancy issues arising during the tenancy of such tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information is basic to the operations of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**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.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

<p><b>Organization Requesting Release of Information</b></p> <p>Presque Isle Housing Authority (PIHA) 58 Birch Street Presque Isle, Maine 04769 (207) 768-8231</p> <hr/> <p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>The PIHA may use this authorization and the information obtained with it to administer and enforce program rules and policies.</p> <p><b>Authorization</b></p> <p>I authorized the release of any information (including documentation and other materials) pertinent to eligibility for or participation under any of the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Low-Income Rental Indian Housing</li> <li>*Low-Income Rental Public Housing</li> <li>*Mutual Help Home Ownership Opportunity Program</li> <li>*Rental Assistance Program (RAP)</li> <li>*Rent Supplement</li> <li>*Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program</li> <li>*Section 23 and 10(c) Leased Housing</li> <li>*Section 23 Housing Assistance Payments</li> <li>*Section 202</li> <li>*Section 221(d)(3) Below Market Interest Rate</li> <li>*Turnkey III Home Ownership Opportunities Program</li> </ul> <p>I authorized the above named organization to obtain information about me or my family that is pertinent to eligibility for or participation in assisted housing programs. I authorize only the PIHA to obtain information on wages or unemployment from State Employment Securities Agencies.</p>	<p><b>Information That May be Obtained</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Children Care Expenses</li> <li>*Credit History</li> <li>*Criminal Activity</li> <li>*Family Composition</li> <li>*Employment, Income, Pensions, and Assets</li> <li>*Federal, State, Tribal, or Local Benefits</li> <li>*Handicapped Assistance Expenses</li> <li>*Identity and Marital Status</li> <li>*Medical Expenses</li> <li>*Social Security Numbers</li> <li>*Residences and Rental History</li> </ul> <p><b>Individuals or Organizations That May Release Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Banks and Financial Institutions</li> <li>*Courts</li> <li>*Law Enforcement Agencies</li> <li>*Credit Bureaus</li> <li>*Employers, Past &amp; Present</li> <li>*Landlords</li> <li>*Providers of:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alimony</li> <li>Child Care</li> <li>Child Support</li> <li>Credit</li> <li>Handicapped Assistance</li> <li>Medical Care</li> <li>Pensions/Annuities</li> <li>Schools/Collèges</li> <li>U.S. Department of Veterans</li> <li>Utility Companies</li> <li>Welfare Agencies</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Conditions</b></p> <p>I agree that photocopies of this authorization may be used for the purpose stated above.</p> <p>If I do not sign this authorization I also understand that my housing assistance may be denied or terminated.</p>
<p>Signature, Printed Name &amp; Date</p>	<p>Signature, Printed Name of Other Adult Member of the Household &amp; Date</p>

Original is retained by the requesting organization.

**THIS STATEMENT OF RELEASE SHALL BE VALID FOR ONE (1) YEAR.**



# APPLYING FOR HUD HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

**THINK ABOUT THIS...  
IS FRAUD WORTH IT?**

## Do You Realize...

If you commit fraud to obtain assisted housing from HUD, you could be:

- Evicted from your apartment or house.
- Required to repay all overpaid rental assistance you received.
- Fined up to \$10,000.
- Imprisoned for up to five years.
- Prohibited from receiving future assistance.
- Subject to State and local government penalties.

## Do You Know...

You are committing fraud if you sign a form knowing that you provided false or misleading information.

The information you provide on housing assistance application and recertification forms will be checked. The local housing agency, HUD, or the Office of Inspector General will check the income and asset information you provide with other Federal, State, or local governments and with private agencies. Certifying false information is fraud.

## So Be Careful!

When you fill out your application and yearly recertification for assisted housing from HUD make sure your answers to the questions are accurate and honest. You must include:

All sources of income and changes in income you or any members of your household receive, such as wages, welfare payments, social security and veterans' benefits, pensions, retirement, etc.

Any money you receive on behalf of your children, such as child support, AFDC payments, social security for children, etc.

Any increase in income, such as wages from a new job or an expected pay raise or bonus.

All assets, such as bank accounts, savings bonds, certificates of deposit, stocks, real estate, etc., that are owned by you or any member of your household.

All income from assets, such as interest from savings and checking accounts, stock dividends, etc.

Any business or asset (your home) that you sold in the last two years at less than full value:

The names of everyone, adults or children, relatives and non-relatives, who are living with you and make up your household.

**(Important Notice for Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Evacuees:** HUD's reporting requirements may be temporarily waived or suspended because of your circumstances. Contact the local housing agency before you complete the housing assistance application.)

## Ask Questions

If you don't understand something on the application or recertification forms, always ask questions. It's better to be safe than sorry.

## Watch Out for Housing Assistance Scams!

- Don't pay money to have someone fill out housing assistance application and recertification forms for you.
- Don't pay money to move up on a waiting list.
- Don't pay for anything that is not covered by your lease.
- Get a receipt for any money you pay.
- Get a written explanation if you are required to pay for anything other than rent (maintenance or utility charges).

## Report Fraud

If you know of anyone who provided false information on a HUD housing assistance application or recertification or if anyone tells you to provide false information, report that person to the HUD Office of Inspector General Hotline. You can call the Hotline toll-free Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, at 1-800-347-3735. You can fax information to (202) 708-4829 or e-mail it to [Hotline@hudoig.gov](mailto:Hotline@hudoig.gov). You can write the Hotline at:



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