



## GENERAL RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to obtain the information listed below for the purpose of determining my eligibility to receive and continue receiving housing assistance. SHA may use this release to make inquiries or secure information from any source whatsoever, including a person, business, or organization that has, or may have, any information listed below. If SHA makes any negative determination(s) based upon the information obtained, I will have an opportunity to contest such determinations. If I participate in the Project-based or Mod Rehab program, I also authorize SHA and the owner and/or manager of the building in which I reside to share with each other any information needed to verify my continued eligibility and suitability for subsidized housing. This consent expires 40 months after it is signed.

- Information necessary to authenticate preference claims;
- Rental history records and references, including but not limited to, information about the ability to pay rent, the ability to live independently, take care of rental property, and get along well with neighbors;
- Non-residential references from individuals with whom a professional relationship has been established, and references from neighbors, community, and relatives;
- References from employers, including wage and salary information, and job performance;
- Criminal history, including fingerprint submission where necessary to effect positive identification;
- Credit reports;
- Services provided by individuals or agencies which are relevant to the ability to pay rent, take care of rental property, and get along well with neighbors and community;
- (HUD only) U.S. Social Security Administration and U.S. Internal Revenue Service;
- Income and asset information from any source (including State Wage Information Collection Agencies, the Division of Child Support, Department of Health and Social Services, etc.) for all family members;
- Immigration status, citizenship status, and legal identity verification;
- School registration for minor children, and for family members over the age of 18 where required to establish program eligibility;
- Registration in educational or vocational training programs including information about participation/completion of such programs;
- Verification of disability or handicap, if necessary for program eligibility (not including details of actual disability or handicap);
- Verification of need for reasonable accommodation, if requested;
- Credit reports and/or tenant screening reports from private screening contractors;
- Outstanding debts to other housing agencies.

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Head of Household (printed name)	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Co-Head, Spouse, Partner, or Other Adult (printed name)	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Other Adult (printed name)	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Other Adult (printed name)	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Other Adult (printed name)	Signature	Date

**Authority:** This release of information is in lieu of the HUD-9886 Authorization for the Release of Information/Privacy Act Notice.

**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.



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**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 SHA's grievance and Housing Choice Voucher informal hearing procedures.

**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 all household members. 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 will not be otherwise disclosed or released outside of HUD, except as permitted or required by law. Penalty: You must provide all of the information requested by the HA, including all Social Security Numbers you, and all other household members, have and use. Giving the Social Security Numbers of all household members 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, SHA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, SHA 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 on the form. 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, SHA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.