

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY

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WHERE YOU MAY LEASE A UNIT

One of the top priorities of HUD is to improve housing choices for low-income families. The Section 8 programs do not restrict where in the city, county, state or country you may live. Oftentimes, families with low incomes are restricted to high poverty areas. If you live in such an area, you now have the means to move and you are encouraged to do so. Moving out of areas of high poverty or low opportunity offers significant advantages. Moving will allow you to select a unit within a neighborhood that offers the amenities you desire. HUD studies show that when families move from high poverty areas, children reach higher levels of school achievement.

Moving within the Section 8 Program

Selecting the unit in which you want to live should be done with great care. The Housing Authority of Snohomish County (HASCO) can operate anywhere in Snohomish County. HASCO will not approve any unit outside of their jurisdiction.

An Explanation of Portability:

Any new participant can use their housing Voucher to select a unit in any jurisdiction in the United States or its territories administering a Voucher Program, providing you were living in the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority now issuing you a voucher when you submitted your application for Section 8 assistance. If you were not living in the jurisdiction when you submitted your application, you are not eligible to move (Portable Out) to another jurisdiction for one year.

ATTENTION CLIENTS:

If you request to move to an area outside of our jurisdiction, we will contact the Housing Authority that covers that area. Once you have been approved to move (Portable Out) you will be required to sign a Voluntary Portability release form allowing us to send your paperwork to the proper Housing Authority. If moving to another area is in your plans, you should contact the Housing Authority in that area to inquire how long you will have to wait before they can assist you in your new unit. It is possible you may have to pay the full rent for up to one month. Once you have this information, please contact your Housing Coordinator for more information, as this process may take up to 30 days.

Equal Housing Opportunity