



# Massachusetts Section 8 Centralized Waiting List

## Pre-Application Information

The Massachusetts Section 8 Centralized Waiting List is a partnership of 101 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which have streamlined their application process for a Section 8 Voucher. The Section 8 Centralized Waiting List opened on January 6, 2003 and will remain open and accept applications indefinitely. Applicants submit one application to the Centralized Waiting List system and their application is automatically added to the Section 8 waitlist for all 101 participating PHAs. Each participating PHA selects participants to their Section 8 Voucher program off of the centralized waiting list in accordance with their local policy.

While on the waiting list, applicants must submit changes in contact information, household composition, total household income and any other information provided on the application within 10 days of the occurrence of a change. The changes must be submitted in writing to a participating housing authority or may be submitted online via the [GoSection8.com](http://GoSection8.com) application portal.

Applicants will receive an update card in the mail if no changes have been made to their application or have not confirmed their application is current within two years. The purpose of an update mailing is to keep applicant contact information up-to-date and to remove those on the waitlist who are no longer interested. Applicants that do not respond to an update mailing will be removed from the Massachusetts Section 8 Centralized Waiting List.

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**Applicants may apply online or link a current application at [www.gosection8.com/MassCWL](http://www.gosection8.com/MassCWL)**

With an online account you can:

- Check the status of your application
- View new preferences that may have been added to an application
- Update changes to your application and household information
- Search for open waitlists and other affordable housing opportunities
- Sign up for waitlist alerts

**While you are waiting, please check on your application regularly and update any changes!**

Upon request, we will provide help in explaining this document, the application and any other information about the waitlist and will provide all materials in alternate formats including in larger print and in multiple different languages.





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## 101 Participating Housing Authorities

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Acton H.A., 68 Windsor Ave., PO Box 681, Acton, MA 01720  
Amesbury H.A., 180 Main St., Amesbury, MA 01913  
Amherst H.A., 33 Kellogg Ave., Amherst, MA 01002  
Andover H.A., 100 Morton St., Andover, MA 01810  
Arlington H.A., 4 Winslow St., Arlington, MA 02474  
Attleboro H.A., 80 South Avenue, Attleboro, MA 02703  
Bellingham H.A., 10 Wrentham Manor, Bellingham, MA 02019  
Belmont H.A., 59 Pearson Rd., Belmont, MA 02478  
Beverly H.A., 137 Rear Bridge St., Beverly, MA 01915  
Billerica H.A., 16 River Street, Billerica, MA 01821  
Bourne H.A., 871 Shore Rd., Pocasset, MA 02559  
Braintree H.A., 25 Roosevelt St., Braintree, MA 02184  
Bridgewater H.A., 10 Heritage Road, Bridgewater, MA 02324  
Brockton H.A., 45 Goddard Rd., Brockton, MA 02303  
Brookline H.A., 90 Longwood Ave., Brookline, MA 02446  
Burlington H.A., 15 Birchcrest St., Burlington, MA 01803  
Chelmsford H.A., 10 Wilson St., Chelmsford, MA 01824  
Chelsea H.A., 54 Locke St., Chelsea, MA 02150  
Chicopee H.A., 128 Meetinghouse Rd., Chicopee, MA 01013  
Concord H.A., 34 Everett Street, Concord, MA 01742  
Danvers H.A., 14 Stone Street, Danvers, MA 01923  
Dartmouth H.A., 2 Anderson Way, N. Dartmouth, MA 02747  
Dedham H.A., 163 Dedham Blvd., Dedham, MA 02026  
Dennis H.A., 167 Center St., So. Dennis, MA 02660  
Dracut H.A., 971 Mammoth Rd., Dracut, MA 01826  
Duxbury H.A., 59 Chestnut St., Duxbury, MA 02332  
Everett H.A., 393 Ferry St., Everett, MA 02149  
Fall River H.A., 1197 Robeson St, Fall River MA 02720  
Falmouth H.A., 115 Scranton Avenue, Falmouth, MA 02540  
Fitchburg H.A., 50 Day Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420  
Framingham H.A., 1 John J. Brady Dr., Framingham, MA 01702  
Franklin Cty Reg.HRA, 241 Millers Falls Rd, Turners Falls, MA 01376  
Gardner H.A., 116 Church St., Gardner, MA 01440  
Gloucester H.A., P.O. Box 1599, Gloucester, MA 01931-1599  
Greenfield H.A., One Elm Ter., Greenfield, MA 01301  
Halifax H.A., One Parsons Lane, Halifax, MA 02338  
Haverhill H.A., 25-C Washington Sq., Haverhill, MA 01831-2451  
Holbrook H.A., c/o D.H.A., 163 Dedham Blvd., Dedham, MA 02026  
Holden H.A., 9 Flagler Drive, Holden, MA 01520  
Holliston H.A., 492 Washington St., Holliston, MA 01746  
Holyoke H.A., 475 Maple St., Holyoke, MA 01040  
Hudson H.A., 8 Brigham Cir., Hudson, MA 01749  
Ipswich H.A., One Agawam Village, Ipswich, MA 01938  
Lawrence H.A., 353 Elm Street, Lawrence, MA 01842  
Leominster H.A., 100 Main St., Leominster, MA 01453  
Lexington H.A., One Countryside Village, Lexington, MA 02420  
Malden H.A., 89 Pearl St., Malden, MA 02148  
Marlborough CDA, 240 Main St., Marlborough, MA 01752  
Medford H.A., 121 Riverside Ave., Medford, MA 02155

Melrose H.A., 910 Main St., Melrose, MA 02176  
Methuen H.A., 24 Mystic St., Methuen, MA 01844  
Middleboro H.A., 8 Benton St., Middleboro, MA 02346  
Milford H.A., 45 Birmingham Court, Milford, MA 01757  
Millis H.A., c/o Dedham H.A., 163 Dedham Blvd., Dedham, MA 02026  
Milton H.A., 65 Miller Ave., Milton, MA 02186  
Natick H.A., 4 Cottage St., Natick, MA 01760  
Needham H.A., c/o D.H.A., 163 Dedham Blvd., Dedham, MA 02026  
Newburyport H.A., 25 Temple St., Newburyport, MA 01950  
Newton H.A., 82 Lincoln Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461  
North Andover H.A., One Moreski Meadows, No. Andover, MA 01845  
North Attleboro H.A., 20 S. Washington St. N. Attleboro, MA 02760  
North Reading H.A., Peabody Ct., No. Reading, MA 01864  
Norwood H.A., 40 William Shyne Cir., Norwood, MA 02062  
Oxford H.A., 23 Wheelock St., Oxford, MA 01540  
Peabody H.A., 75 Central St., Ste. 2, Peabody, MA  
Pembroke H.A., Kilcommons Drive, Pembroke, MA 02359  
Plymouth H.A., 130 Court St., PO Box 3537, Plymouth, MA 02361  
Quincy H.A., 80 Clay Street, Quincy, MA 02170  
Reading H.A., 22 Frank Tanner Dr., Reading, MA 01867  
Revere H.A., 82-84 Cooledge St., Revere, MA 02151  
Rockland H.A., 8 Studley Court, Rockland, MA 02370  
Rockport H.A., 13 Millbrook Park, Rockport, MA 01966  
Salem H.A., 27 Charter St., Salem, MA 01970  
Salisbury H.A., 23 Beach Road, Salisbury, MA 01952  
Saugus H.A., 19 Talbot St., Saugus, MA 01906  
Shrewsbury H.A., 36 No. Quinsigamond Ave., Shrewsbury, MA 01545  
Somerville H.A., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145  
Southbridge H.A., 60 Charlton St., Southbridge, MA 01550  
Springfield H.A., PO Box 1609, Springfield, MA 01101  
Stockbridge H.A., PO Box 419, 5 Pine St., Stockbridge, MA 01262  
Stoughton H.A., 4 Capen Street, Stoughton, MA 02072  
Taunton H.A., 30 Olney St., Taunton, MA 02780  
Tewksbury H.A., Saunders Circle, Tewksbury, MA 01876  
Wakefield H.A., 26 Crescent St., Wakefield, MA 01880  
Walpole H.A., 8 Diamond Pond Ter., Walpole, MA 02081  
Waltham H.A., 110 Pond St., Waltham, MA 02451  
Ware H.A., 20 Valley View, Ware, MA 01082  
Warren H.A., P.O. Box 3021, Warren, MA 01083  
Watertown H.A., 55 Waverly Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472  
Wayland H.A., 106 Main St., Wayland, MA 01778  
Webster H.A., 10 Golden Heights, Webster, MA 01570  
Wellesley H.A., c/o D.H.A., 163 Dedham Blvd., Dedham, MA 02026  
Westfield H.A., 12 Alice Burke Way, PO Box 99, Westfield, MA 01086  
West Springfield H.A., 37 Oxford Pl., West Springfield, MA 01089  
Weymouth H.A., 402 Essex St., Weymouth, MA 02188  
Winchendon H.A., 108 Ipswich Dr., Winchendon, MA 01475  
Winchester H.A., 13 Westley St., Winchester, MA 01890  
Woburn H.A., 59 Campbell St., Woburn, MA 01801  
Worcester H.A., 40 Belmont St., Worcester, MA 01605

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## PRE-APPLICATION INFORMATION

You must complete all required fields on the pre-application in order to be added to the waitlist. Required fields are marked with an asterisk (\*) on the pre-application. These pre-application fields are used to determine eligibility and your placement on the waitlist. Please note that each housing authority operates under their own local policy and use different methods and preferences to rank applicants on the waitlist. The list below shows more detailed information on the fields included on the pre-application. If you have questions or need additional information about completing your pre-application please contact a participating housing authority.

### 1. Head-of-Household

An adult family member and is an individual in the household who is responsible for ensuring that the family fulfills all of its responsibilities while on the waitlist.

### 2. Co-Applicant

A Co-Applicant is an individual in the household who is equally responsible with the head-of-household for ensuring that the family fulfills all of its responsibilities on the waitlist. A Co-Applicant may be the spouse (marriage partner) of the head-of-household or a designated co-head, but not both. A family can have only one co-head (if head-of-household has a spouse, they cannot designate another household member a 'co-head').

### 3. Living in a permanent residence

Currently living in unit with a signed/current lease or own your home/paying mortgage.

### 4. Living in a temporary residence

Temporarily staying with family, friends, faith-based or other social networks.

### 5. Living in a shelter or hotel/motel

Living in a shelter that provides temporary living arrangements, for example congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by a government program.

### 6. Living in a place not normally used for housing

Spending most nights living in a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, camping ground, or any other place that is not normally used for housing.

### 7. At a risk of losing current residence/housing

At risk of losing primary nighttime residence soon and lack sufficient resources or support networks (family, friends, etc.) to prevent moving into a shelter or into other temporary living arrangements.

### 8. Current Address

Your current address is used to determine your residency which may be used by some PHAs for local residency preferences. PHAs may also send mail to you at this address if you do not provide a different mailing address. If you do not live in a permanent residence you do not need to provide a street address. Please provide an alternate method of communication if you do not have a current address or mailing address, like a phone number or email.



## 9. Best Place to Send Mail

Applicants with no current address or those who would like mail sent by PHAs sent to a different address, may enter an alternate address.

## 10. Housing Costs (rent/mortgage payment and utility costs)

This information is used to determine if your family is 'rent burdened' by the PHA standards. Utilities include heat, hot water and electricity only.

## 11. Emergency Contacts

Please provide additional contacts in case we need to get in touch with you about your waitlist status. These contacts can be homeless shelters, friends, family members etc.

## 12. Bedroom size

Amount of bedrooms needed for your household. Final bedroom size for the household is determined by the standards set in the PHA policy.

## 13. U.S. Citizen

Assistance in subsidized housing is restricted to households with at least one member who is a U.S. citizens or national or is a noncitizen with eligible immigration status.

## 14. SSN, Alien ID, Temp ID

Your Social Security number or Alien ID number is used to identify your application on the waitlist. It is not required to provide a SSN on your pre-application. You may enter request a temporary ID to use in place of a SSN or Alien ID Number. You can later update your SSN if you receive one. To help protect your identity, SSNs are encrypted on our secure database and are not fully viewable to most PHA staff.

## 15. Emancipated Minor

Minors who are emancipated under state law may be designated as head-of-household, spouse or co-head.

## 16. Employment Income and Location

Indicate your total monthly income from each job, including all wages, tips, bonus and commission. Location of your job may be used for local residency preference on the waitlist for some PHAs.

## 17. Other Income (non-employment income)

Any other source of income you receive which may include: Military Pay, Veterans Benefits, Disability Insurance Payments, SSA, SSI Federal, SSI State, Child Support, Alimony, Pension, Adoption Subsidy Payments, Education Grants, Stipends, Scholarships, Trade Union Benefits, Unemployment, Self-Employment Income, Public Assistance, Interest earned from Assets, Annuities, Workers Compensation, and Recurring Contributions such as: money someone gives you to pay your bills OR gives you as spending money OR the person uses to pay your bills directly.

## 18. Family Total Income

A household's income is the total anticipated amount of money received by ALL members of the household over the next 12 months based on their current income and any income earned from assets (starting from the date of application and projecting forward 12 months). This excludes income earned by live-in-aides.



## 19. Disabled

Indicate whether a household member is a persons with disabilities. PHAs may adopt a preference for admission of families that include a person with disabilities or eligibility for admission is dependent on you or a family member in the household being a person with a disability (A PHA does not adopt a preference for persons with a specific disability).

## 20. Student

If a household member is in school it may affect how your total family income is calculated. PHAs may also give local residency preference to those attending school in their area.

## 21. Veteran

Served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, reserves, or National Guard excluding periods for which the applicant was dishonorably discharged. Please indicate years served.

## 22. Eligible Veteran

May be an ex-spouse, widow, or widower of a person who is no longer a member of the household but who had ever served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, reserves, or National Guard excluding periods for which he or she has been dishonorably discharged.

## 23. Race/Ethnicity

This is an optional field which is used for HUD statistical purposes only.

## 24. Has anyone in your household been displaced due to a natural disaster?

Displaced due to a natural disaster, such as a fire or flood, which has left your housing unit uninhabitable. Please indicate the type, time and location of the disaster.

## 25. Has your household been displaced or will be displaced due to an action of your housing owner/landlord?

Displaced due to an action taken by a housing owner/landlord that forced you to vacate your unit and that you were unable to prevent.

## 26. Has anyone in the household vacated their housing unit because of domestic violence or lives in a unit with a person who engages in violence?

Displaced due to domestic violence or currently living in a unit with a person who engages in violence which occurred recently or is of a continuing nature. "Domestic Violence" means an actual or threatened physical violence directed against one or more members of your family by a member of the household.

## 27. Has your household been displaced or will be displaced due to hate crimes?

Displaced due to a household member(s) that is the victim of a hate crime(s) which occurred recently or is of a continuing nature. A "Hate crime" means an actual or threatened physical violence or intimidation that is directed against a person or his or her property and that is based on the person's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or familial status.

## 28. Has anyone in the household been displaced or will be displaced due to a government action?

Displaced due to an activity carried out by an agency of the United States or by any State or local governmental body or agency in connection with code enforcement or a public improvement or development program.



**29. Has anyone in the household been displaced or will be displaced due to the inaccessibility of a unit?**

Displaced due to a household member with mobility, or other impairment, that made them unable to use critical elements of the housing unit.

**30. Has anyone in the family been displaced to avoid reprisals or due to witness protection?**

Displaced due to a household member(s) providing information on criminal activities to a law enforcement agency and based on a threat assessment, a law enforcement agency recommends rehousing your family to avoid or minimize a risk of violence against family members as a reprisal for providing such information.

**31. Are you or any household member fleeing home due to dangerous conditions?**

Any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence.

**32. Are you currently living in substandard housing?**

Family that resides in a unit which does not provide safe and adequate shelter and endangers the health, safety, or well-being of family; or has one or more critical defects or combination of intermediate defects in sufficient number, in need of considerable repair or rebuilding (won't pass an inspection).

**33. Are you or any household member living in an institution that provides a temporary residence, including congregate shelters and transitional housing, intended for individuals with disabilities?**

Includes, but not limited to: (1) congregate settings populated exclusively or primarily with individuals with disabilities; (2) congregate settings characterized by regimentation in daily activities, lack of privacy or autonomy, policies limiting visitors, or limits on individuals' ability to engage freely in community activities and to manage their own activities of daily living; or (3) settings that provide for daytime activities primarily with other individuals with disabilities.

**34. Are you or a household member at serious risk of moving into an institution that provides a temporary residence, including congregate shelters and traditional housing, intended for individuals with disabilities?**

Includes an individual with a disability who as a result of a public entity's failure to provide community services or its cut to such services will likely cause a decline in health, safety, or welfare that would lead to the individual's eventual placement in an institution. This includes individuals experiencing lack of access to supportive services for independent living, long waiting lists for or lack of access to housing combined with community based services, currently living alone but requiring supportive services for independent living.

