



HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER SECTION 8 PROGRAM LOTTERY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q: What is the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program?

A: The Section 8 program is a federally regulated and funded program through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The tenant-based subsidy program allows participants to select rental units within the permitted jurisdiction in the private market while paying a rent based on income.

Q: How do I apply for the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program?

A: The Section 8 program at Brighton Housing Authority (BHA) is a lottery-based application process being offered online. Online entries can be submitted at www.brightonhousingauthority.org within the time frame allotted. Accepted entries will be placed on BHA's wait list for the applicable year. The dates of the lottery change yearly and are posted on our website and in the legal section of the local newspaper.

Q: What are the qualifications? / Who can apply?

A: Generally, all interested applicants must be: 18 years of age or older, cannot exceed the Area Median Income Limits, pass a criminal background check, U.S. citizen or have at least one household member with eligible immigration status.

Q: Do I have to live in Brighton to apply?

A: No, you do not have to live in Brighton to apply. However, BHA has adopted a local preference (verification is required).

Q: Can I submit more than one online entry?

A: No, duplicate entries will be disqualified.

Q: How can I track the status of my online entry?

A: You may review your application status through the registered online account needed to apply at www.brightonhousingauthority.org.

Q: What if I have to report a change of address or other changes to my household?

A: It is the applicant's responsibility to login to the registered online account required to apply and update any changes that occur to the household's composition, income, and/or contact information while they remain on the lottery waitlist. Generally, you cannot add any additional people to your entry if your name is selected.

Q: If my number gets drawn am I guaranteed assistance?

A: If an applicant's name is drawn, they will be notified by mail to complete the application and eligibility process. *Assistance is not guaranteed.*

Eligibility process includes:

- Complete application
- Submit all required documents: ID's, Birth Certificates, Social Security cards, verification of any income, as well as verification of court-awarded custody (if applicable)
- Meet eligible income and local preference requirements

Q: How long does it take to receive assistance once I am approved?

A: The wait time will depend on funding availability. Funding must be available before another applicant can be drawn from the lottery waitlist.

Q: How does the lottery process work?

A: This year, all applications will be accepted online only. *No paper applications will be accepted.*

BHA will close the lottery at 5:00pm according to the BHA phone system clock on Thursday, September 4, 2025. Online entries submitted and accepted within the time frame allotted will be placed on BHA's wait list for 2026. Throughout the following year BHA will draw names randomly from the lottery waitlist.

Q: What if I need additional information regarding your program?

A: Please feel free to call us at (303) 655.2160 with any questions or if you require a reasonable accommodation.



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