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**REQUEST FOR PORTABILITY**  
 Policy changes effective 7/10/2025

**Portability** is HUD's term for transferring from the jurisdiction of the Public Housing Authority (PHA) who issued the Section 8 voucher to another PHA's jurisdiction.

**REGULATORY PORTABILITY**

1. Families with Housing Choice Vouchers are eligible.
2. Family must live in the issuing PHA's jurisdiction and hold a valid Housing Choice Voucher to be eligible.
3. Family may move to any out-of-state PHA's jurisdiction. The PHA that receives the portable family does not have to accept a Voucher unless it has a Voucher program. If it does not have a Voucher program, it may choose to refer the family to another PHA with a Voucher program.

**HOW TO EXERCISE YOUR PORTABILITY OPTION**

1. You may transfer your assistance to any PHA jurisdiction where they are willing to **absorb** you into their own program. If their policy does not include absorbing you into their program, the transfer will not take place, unless:
2. Their Family Payment Standard (FPS) is **equal to or less than** Housing Opportunities of SW Washington's (HOSWWA) Payment Standards, which are:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Cowlitz	963	1186	1404	1967	2358
<input type="checkbox"/> Lewis	868	974	1257	1679	1791
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific	773	859	1105	1488	1856
<input type="checkbox"/> Wahkiakum	747	965	1068	1497	1777

I would like to transfer my voucher to (list housing authority name and phone number)

- a. Housing Authority's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The housing authority (destination PHA) is absorbing (please check box) yes no
4. **If the destination PHA will not absorb**, their Family Payment Standard is \$\_\_\_\_\_. It is cannot be in excess of HOSWWA's FPS schedule (see #2 above).
5. ***If I leave my current dwelling owing any money to my landlord for unpaid rent, unpaid utilities, damages in excess of wear and tear, or any other charges relating to my lease, Housing Opportunities of SW Washington has the right to withdraw my voucher, suspend my ability to move or possibly terminate my assistance.***

I have read the above guidelines and understand that I may move under portability rules, subject to Federal Regulations and Housing Authority policy

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 Applicant/Tenant Signature Phone Date

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 Email Address HH: Return to: