

**LEASE ADDENDUM
COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY
ACTIVITY REQUIREMENT**

In 1998 the Congress passed the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act. This new law established requirements for community Service for residents of Public Housing. In accordance with that law the lease is amended as follows:

Resident Responsibilities

Provide and cooperate with the PHA regarding verification of exempt or nonexempt status for community service and self-sufficiency requirement.

Report any changes regarding exempt or nonexempt status to PHA.

For all adult residents in public housing, except for those determined to be exempt, contribute 8 hours per month of community service or participate in a economic self-sufficiency program for 8 hours per month or perform a combination of both for 8 hours per month. Activities **cannot** include political activities or be substituted for work ordinarily performed by PHA employees or replace a job at any location where residents perform activities to satisfy the service requirement (24CFR 960.603).

Provide PHA with information verifying compliance with service requirement including number of hours accomplished under activity. (This process will vary depending on PHA policy on administration.)

Family obligations under the lease. Residents are required under 24 CFR 960.607© to comply with the service requirement. This requirement extends to all adult residents in the household who are determined nonexempt from the requirement. The lease shall specify that it shall be renewed automatically for all purposes, unless the family fails to comply with the service requirement. Violation of the service requirement is grounds for non-renewal of the lease at the end of the 12-month lease term, but not for termination of tenancy during the course of the 12-month lease term (24 CFR 960.603).

If a tenant or another family member has violated the service requirement, **the PHA may not renew the lease upon expiration of the term unless:**

The tenant and any other noncompliance resident enter into a written agreement with the PHA, in the form and manner required by the PHA, to cure such noncompliance by completing the additional hours required over the 12-month term of the new lease, and

All other family members who are subject to the service requirement are currently complying with the service requirement or are no longer residing in the unit.

Exemption from the requirement. Persons who meet one of the following conditions may be exempted from the requirement:

- 1) a person 62 years of age or older

- 2) a person with vision impairment
- 3) a person with disabilities, as defined under 216(i)(1) or 1614 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 16(I)(1): 1382 c) and who is unable to comply with this Section, or is a primary caretaker of such individual
- 4) Is engaged in work activities.
- 5) Meets the requirements for being exempted from having to engage in a work activity under the State program funded under part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 st seq.) or under another welfare program of the State in which the PHA is located, including a State-administered welfare-to-work program.
- 6) If a member of a family receiving assistance, benefits or services under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 st seq.) or under another welfare program of the State in which the PHA is located, including a State-administered welfare-to-work program, and has not been found by the State or other administering entity to be in noncompliance with such a program.

Failure of the resident to comply with the terms of the Community Service and Self-Sufficiency requirements is a substantial default under the lease and will result in non-renewal of the lease at the end of the lease term.

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