

Tenant Payment, Tenant Rent and Housing Assistance Payment must be verified. See 24 CFR part 5 for the requirements for the disclosure and verification of Social Security Numbers at interim reexaminations involving new family members. For requirements regarding the signing and submitting of consent forms for the obtaining of wage and claim information from State Wage Information Collection Agencies, see 24 CFR part 5. At any interim reexamination after June 19, 1995, when a new family member has been added, the owner shall follow the requirements of 24 CFR part 5 concerning obtaining and processing evidence of the citizenship or eligible immigration status of any new family member.

(3) *Continuation of housing assistance payments.* A family's eligibility for Housing Assistance Payments continues until the Total Tenant Payment equals the contract rent plus any utility allowance. The termination of eligibility at such point will not affect the family's other rights under its lease, nor will such termination preclude the resumption of payments as a result of later changes in income, rents, or other relevant circumstances during the term of the Contract. However, eligibility also may be terminated in accordance with HUD requirements, for such reasons as failure to submit requested verification information, including failure to meet the disclosure and verification requirements for Social Security Numbers, as provided by 24 CFR part 5, or failure to sign and submit consent forms for the obtaining wage and claim information from State Wage Information Collection Agencies, as provided by 24 CFR part 5. See 24 CFR part 5 for provisions requiring termination of assistance for failure to establish citizenship or eligible immigration status and also for provisions concerning certain assistance for mixed families (families whose members include those with eligible immigration status, and those without eligible immigration status) in lieu of termination of assistance, and for pro-

visions concerning deferral of termination of assistance.

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§ 880.604 Tenant rent.

The eligible Family pays the Tenant Rent directly to the Owner.

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§ 880.605 Overcrowded and underoccupied units.

If the contract administrator determines that because of change in family size an assisted unit is smaller than appropriate for the eligible family to which it is leased, or that the unit is larger than appropriate, housing assistance payments with respect to the unit will not be reduced or terminated until the eligible family has been relocated to an appropriate alternative unit. If possible, the owner will, as promptly as possible, offer the family an appropriate unit. The owner may receive vacancy payments for the vacated unit if he complies with the requirements of § 880.611.

§ 880.606 Lease requirements.

(a) *Term of Lease.* The term of the lease will be for not less than one year. The lease may, or in the case of a lease for a term of more than one year must, contain a provision permitting termination on 30 days advance written notice by the family.

(b) *Form.* (1) *Part 880 and 24 CFR part 881 projects.* For this part 880 and 24 CFR part 881 projects, the form of lease must contain all required provisions, and none of the prohibited provisions specified in the developer's packet, and must conform to the form of lease included in the approved final proposal.

(2) *24 CFR part 883 projects.* For 24 CFR part 883 projects, the form of lease must contain all required provisions, and none of the prohibited provisions specified below.

(i) *Required provisions (Addendum to lease).*

Addendum to Lease

The following additional Lease provisions are incorporated in full in the Lease between

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____ (Landlord) and ____ (Tenant) for the following dwelling unit: _____. In case of any conflict between these and any other provisions of the Lease, these provisions will prevail.

- a. The total rent will be \$_____ per month.
- b. Of the total rent, \$_____ will be payable by the State Agency (Agency) as housing assistance payments on behalf of the Tenant and \$_____ will be payable by the Tenant. These amounts will be subject to change by reason of changes in the Tenant's family income, family composition, or extent of exceptional medical or other unusual expenses, in accordance with HUD-established schedules and criteria; or by reason of adjustment by the Agency of any applicable Utility Allowance; or by reasons of changes in program rules. Any such change will be effective as of the date stated in a notification to the Tenant.
- c. The Landlord will not discriminate against the Tenant in the provision of services, or in any other manner, on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin.
- d. The Landlord will provide the following services and maintenance: _____

e. A violation of the Tenant's responsibilities under the Section 8 Program, as determined by the Agency, is also a violation of the lease.

Landlord _____
 By _____
 Date _____
 Tenant _____
 Date _____

[End of addendum]

(ii) *Prohibited provisions.* Lease clauses which fall within the classifications listed below must not be included in any Lease.

Lease Clauses

- a. *Confession of Judgment.* Consent by the tenant to be sued, to admit guilt, or to accept without question any judgment favoring the landlord in a lawsuit brought in connection with the lease.
- b. *Seize or Hold Property for Rent or Other Charges.* Authorization to the landlord to take property of the tenant and/or hold it until the tenant meets any obligation which the landlord has determined the tenant has failed to perform.
- c. *Exculpatory Clause.* Prior agreement by the tenant not to hold the landlord or landlord's agents legally responsible for acts done improperly or for failure to act when the landlord or landlord's agent was required to do so.
- d. *Waiver of Legal Notice.* Agreement by the tenant that the landlord need not give any notices in connection with (1) a lawsuit

against the tenant for eviction, money damages, or other purposes, or (2) any other action affecting the tenant's rights under the lease.

- e. *Waiver of Legal Proceeding.* Agreement by the tenant to allow eviction without a court determination.
- f. *Waiver of Jury Trial.* Authorization to the landlord's lawyer to give up the tenant's right to trial by jury.
- g. *Waiver of Right to Appeal Court Decision.* Authorization to the landlord's lawyer to give up the tenant's right to appeal a decision on the ground of judicial error or to give up the tenant's right to sue to prevent a judgment being put into effect.
- h. *Tenant Chargeable with Cost of Legal Actions Regardless of Outcome of Lawsuit.* Agreement by the tenant to pay lawyer's fees or other legal costs whenever the landlord decides to sue the tenant whether or not the tenant wins. (Omission of such a clause does not mean that the tenant, as a party to a lawsuit, may not have to pay lawyer's fees or other costs if the court so orders.)

[End of clauses]

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§ 880.607 Termination of tenancy and modification of lease.

(a) *Applicability.* The provisions of this section apply to all decisions by an owner to terminate the tenancy of a family residing in a unit under Contract during or at the end of the family's lease term.

(b) *Entitlement of Families to occupancy—(1) Grounds.* The owner may not terminate any tenancy except upon the following grounds:

- (i) Material noncompliance with the lease;
- (ii) Material failure to carry out obligations under any State landlord and tenant act;
- (iii) Criminal activity by a covered person in accordance with sections 5.858 and 5.859, or alcohol abuse by a covered person in accordance with section 5.860. If necessary, criminal records can be obtained for lease enforcement purposes under section 5.903(d)(3).
- (iv) Other good cause, which may include the refusal of a family to accept an approved modified lease form (see paragraph (d) of this section). No termination by an owner will be valid to the extent it is based upon a lease or a provisions of State law permitting termination of a tenancy solely because of