



PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING LIST FAQs

1. How do I register for the Site-Based Waiting Lists (SBWLs)?

First, you must create a Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) Housing Application Registration Portal (HARP) account to complete your online registration. Please visit <https://harp.lacda.org/ex/NewApp.aspx> to register. You will then make your waiting list choice(s). If you do not have access to a computer, please call (626) 586-1522 for assistance.

2. How many SBWLs does the LACDA's Public Housing Program have?

The LACDA's Public Housing Program has 16 SBWLs located throughout Los Angeles County. Ten SBWLs are designated for seniors (62+), and six (6) are general occupancy. *These waiting lists are not for the Section 8 Program.*

3. What should I consider when choosing the specific SBWL(s)?

You should consider the same elements you would if you were looking for an apartment on the open market. These include your choice of neighborhood, access to transportation, employment, schools, as well as supportive services that may be available at each housing development, including the accessibility features available. For development descriptions, please visit www.lacda.org.

4. How long are the SBWLs open?

The LACDA's Public Housing Program will be accepting registrations from **August 17, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. through September 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

5. What if I choose a public housing development that does not have units with the right number of bedrooms for my household?

Registrants may choose, based on eligibility, to register at one (1) or more of the senior or general occupancy SBWL(s). Based on a family's composition, the system will predetermine the bedroom size and site(s) for which you are eligible.

6. Once I'm registered, how long do I have to wait to receive an application?

All applicants will be selected from each waiting list in order of preferences and then by date and time registered. The length of waiting time will vary because of the site's unit availability.

7. What if my application is selected from the waiting list, and I decline a unit offer?

If you are determined eligible and are offered a unit from any of the waiting lists that you have selected and you reject the unit, your name will be removed from all other selected SBWLs. It is important that you only register for locations in which you are willing to reside.

8. What if I relocate or have changes in my family composition, do I have to report it?

Yes. If you move, or have any changes in your family composition, you are required to report the changes in writing within 15 days of the occurrence. To submit your changes, please visit us at <https://harp.lacda.org/ex/NewApp.aspx> to update your HARP account or send the update to:

Los Angeles County Development Authority
Housing Management Division
700 W. Main St., Alhambra, CA 91801

Please include your name, new address, and Prospect ID. Failure to update your address or family composition within the 15 days of the occurrence may result in the removal of your name from all selected SBWL(s).