

General Information *or* Things You May Need to Know About Section 8

- What is Section 8?* This is a federally funded program to help low income families pay their rent. Generally, families pay 30% of their income towards rent and utility costs while the Housing Authority pays the balance of the rent to the landlord. The Housing Authority does not supply the apartment or house; each family finds their own home. The assistance stays with the family even when they move.
- What is a Waiting List?* We can only serve a set amount of households and when we have filled our programs we begin a waiting list. Interested people must complete a pre-application to be placed on the waiting list. It will be filed by date & time and you will receive a letter of receipt. When your pre-application reaches the top of the list, you will be notified by mail. You must submit requested information and documents in a timely manner to be eligible to participate in our rental assistance program.
- How Long Will I Wait?* Your receipt will give the best estimate we have for how long it will be.
- Do I Need to Update?* The Housing Authority will be contacting you by mail so be sure we have your current address at all times. **If you do not respond to our letter your name will be removed from the list.**
- Special Preferences?* Households with a minor, an elderly or handicapped member are placed before households with only adult members. We offer a *special preference* for households who are within the following definition. Terminally ill—A household member who is likely to die within two years in spite of medical treatment.

The Linn-Benton Housing Authority has NO emergency or immediate assistance available.

DECLARATION OF CITIZENSHIP OR ALIEN REGISTRATION STATUS

New Federal Regulations (effective June 19, 1995) allow assistance only to new applicants who are:

Citizens; or

Non-citizens who have eligible immigration status.

BEFORE receiving any type of assistance all applicants will be required to provide the following information/documentation:

Non-Citizens If 62 yrs of age or older, the signed declaration of eligible immigration status, and proof of age document will be sufficient. All other non-citizens will be required to submit the following evidence: 1. Signed declaration of eligible immigration status and 2. INS documents of eligible immigration status and 3. a signed certification consent form.

U.S. Citizens a signed declaration of your U.S. citizenship.