

### CITY OF TUCSON HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HOUSING ASSISTANCE DIVISION

# **MOVING INTO THE AREA (PORTABILITY)**

There are important things you should know if you decide to transfer (port) your Housing Choice Voucher to our housing agency's jurisdiction. Be aware that if you just received your voucher, the initial housing agency's as well as our Housing Agency's income limits apply, and you may not be eligible for assistance in our area.

**Be aware** of your voucher's expiration date. You cannot receive assistance anywhere once your voucher expires. Also, if our agency does not have enough time to process, your port in request before your voucher expiration date, your paperwork may be returned to your initial housing agency and you may be denied assistance.

Be aware our agency is only accepting port in's where a billing arrangement can be established, NO ABSORBING.

Be aware that our housing agency may have different policies and procedures from your initial housing agencies.

**Be aware** that you may receive a change in the number of bedrooms allowed on your voucher because our agency may have different occupancy standards.

**Be aware** that you cannot move if you owe money to your initial housing agency or if it is found that you or a family member have engaged in criminal activities.

**Please contact** your initial housing agency to find out if you can transfer your voucher at this time and if you have enough time on your voucher for adequate processing time. If you do **please follow your initial housing authorities' instructions, so they can contact our office on your behalf if portability is an option for you.** 

**You will need** adequate resources to provide for your living expenses and move-in costs while your transfer of assistance is being processed. Assistance is never processed retroactively, so if you move into a unit before an inspection and contract are completed, you are responsible for the full rent.

It is recommended that you give a 60-day notice to move from your present unit, instead of a 30-day notice, to allow additional time for the processing of your transfer.

It is recommended that you do some research to make sure you are aware of the current Tucson rental environment, consider researching online: 2021 Vacancy Rates in Tucson Arizona, 2021 Average Rent Rates in Tucson, Arizona.

Consider reviewing websites for information about the Tucson Area:

https://www.rentcafe.com/average-rent-market-trends/us/az/tucson/

https://mapazdashboard.arizona.edu/housing-market-assessment-overview

See back for City of Tucson Policies that may help you understand how transferring to our jurisdiction may affect your assistance and bedroom size.



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#### **Our housing agency policy information**:

FY 2021 Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Limits								
VLI 50%	24,050	27,450	30,900	34,300	37,050	39,800	42,550	45,300
ELI 30%	14,450	17,420	21,960	26,500	31,040	35,580	40,120	44,660
LI 80%	38,450	43,950	49,450	54,900	59,300	63,700	68,100	72,500

Feb. 2021	0 Bedroom	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom	5 Bedroom	6 Bedroom
Payment	\$ 655	\$ 772	\$ 1017	\$ 1451	\$ 1715	\$ 1972	\$ 2229
Standards							

Admin Plan 7/2020 5-II.B. Our Occupancy Standard: The PHA will assign one bedroom for each two persons within the household, except in the following circumstances: Persons of the opposite sex (other than spouses, and children under age 5) will be allocated separate bedrooms. Live-in aides will be allocated a separate bedroom. Single person families will be allocated or one bedroom.

Voucher Size	Persons in Household
	(Minimum-Maximum)
1 Bedroom	1-2
2 Bedroom	2-4
3 Bedroom	3-6
4 Bedroom	4-8
5 Bedroom	6-10

The City of Tucson Portability Specialist can be reached:

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