



ANY TOWN
HOUSING AUTHORITY

CERTIFICATION OF DISABILITY

Public Housing Authorities are required to verify eligibility for housing and to compute rent. In the case of applicants or residents claiming to be disabled, the Housing Authority must verify that the applicant or tenant meets the HUD-required definition of disability. The applicant/resident has signed a release form below, giving you permission to supply us with this information. Please fill out the form below and return it at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Name _____ Title _____ Phone _____.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development defines a disabled person in 3 ways:

- (1) A disabled person is one with an inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity because of any physical or mental impairment that is expected to result in death or has lasted or can be expected to last continuously for at least 12 months; or for a blind person at least 55 years old, inability because of blindness to engage in any substantial gainful activities comparable to those in which the person was previously engaged with some regularity and over a substantial period.
- (2) A developmentally disabled person is one with a severe chronic disability that:
 - (a) is attributable to a mental and/or physical impairment;
 - (b) as manifested before age 22;
 - (c) is likely to continue indefinitely;
 - (d) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas: capacity for independent living, self-care, receptive and expressive language; learning, mobility, self-direction, and economic self-sufficiency AND
 - (e) requires special interdisciplinary or generic care treatment, or other services which are of extended or lifelong duration and are individually planned or coordinated.
- (3) A disabled person is also one who has a physical, emotional or mental impairment that:
 - (a) is expected to be of long-continued or indefinite duration;
 - (b) substantially impedes the person's ability to live independently;
 - (c) is such that the person's ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.

Warning: 18 U. S. C. 1001 provides that whoever knowingly and willingly makes or uses a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry in any matter within the jurisdiction of a department or agency of the United States shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years or both.

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I, _____, hereby certify that _____ (person signing the release below) should be considered disabled in accordance with definition number _____ above.

Name and Title _____ Date _____.

Signature _____ Phone _____.

TENANT/APPLICANT RELEASE

I, _____, hereby authorize the release of the requested information.

Signature _____ Date _____.