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HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION FORM

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER, STABILITY THROUGH ENGAGEMENT (STEP) & MODERATE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

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HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD NAME: _____

Maine State Housing Authority (“MaineHousing”) does not discriminate on the basis of protected classes under the applicable federal and state nondiscrimination laws, in the admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities and in employment. MaineHousing will provide appropriate communication auxiliary aids and services upon sufficient notice. MaineHousing will also provide this document in alternative formats upon sufficient notice. MaineHousing has designated the following person responsible for coordinating compliance with applicable federal and state nondiscrimination requirements and addressing grievances

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Fair Housing Law of 1988, Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act; and Americans with Disabilities Act.

We need your help to ensure all of our programs, services and activities are fully accessible to persons with disabilities. If you, or anyone in your family, encounters any type of barrier that prevents them from receiving the full benefit of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, please contact us. You can also contact the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity National toll-free hot line number: 1-800-669-9777.

Please check any that apply:

A member of this household has disabilities requiring a specific accommodation in order to fully utilize MaineHousing forms, programs, or services.

A member of this household is limited in their ability to read, write, speak or understand English in order to fully utilize MaineHousing forms, programs or services.

Part 1 - Head of Household Information

Full Name:			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>MI</i>
Current Address:			
	<i>Street</i>	<i>Apt</i>	
Mailing Address:	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
	<i>Street</i>	<i>Apt</i>	
	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
Home Phone:	()		
Cell Phone:	() May we send text messages? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Work Phone:	()		
Email:			
Social Security Number:	-	-	
Date of Birth:	/	/	
Race:	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American India Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific Islander
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Are you a US Citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Are you a person with Disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non - Hispanic		
Are you a Veteran?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Are you a Full Time Student?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes School:		

Do you have additional Adult Household Members?
If yes, read the information below and complete Part 2
If no, go to Part 3

Relationship to Head of Household

A “Spouse” is an individual who is equally responsible for the lease with the head of household and is legally married to the Head of Household.

A “Co-head” is an individual who is equally responsible for the lease with the head of household, but is not a spouse.

An “Other Adult” is a family member, other than the head, spouse, or co-head, who is 18 years of age or older.

A “Live-in aide” is a person who: (1) is determined to be essential to the care and well-being of a household member, (2) is not obligated for the support of the household member, and (3) would not be living in the unit except to provide the necessary supportive services. MaineHousing must approve a live-in aide if needed as a reasonable accommodation.

If you require more space to list household members, please provide the required information for each individual on a separate sheet of paper.

Part 2 - Adult Household Member Information

Adult Household Member Name:			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>MI</i>
Cell Phone:	()	May we send text messages? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Work Phone:	()		
Email:			
Social Security Number:	-	-	
Date of Birth:	/	/	
Relationship to Head of Household:	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Head	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Adult
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live in Aide	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Adult
Race:	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Black
			<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific Islander
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Are you a US Citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Are you a person with Disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non - Hispanic		
Are you a Full Time Student?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes School:		
Adult Household Member Name:			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>MI</i>
Cell Phone:	()	May we send text messages? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Work Phone:	()		
Email:			
Social Security Number:	-	-	
Date of Birth:	/	/	
Relationship to Head of Household:	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Head	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Adult
		<input type="checkbox"/> Live in Aide	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Adult
Race:	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Black
			<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific Islander
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Are you a US Citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Are you a person with Disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non - Hispanic		
Are you a Full Time Student?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes School:		

Minor Household Member Name:			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>MI</i>
Social Security Number:	-	-	
Date of Birth:	/	/	
Relationship to Head of Household:	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth under 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild
Race:	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific Islander
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Are you a US Citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you a person with Disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Non - Hispanic	

Minor Household Member Name:			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>MI</i>
Social Security Number:	-	-	
Date of Birth:	/	/	
Relationship to Head of Household:	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth under 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild
Race:	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific Islander
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Are you a US Citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you a person with Disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Non - Hispanic	

Minor Household Member Name:			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>MI</i>
Social Security Number:	-	-	
Date of Birth:	/	/	
Relationship to Head of Household:	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth under 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child	<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild
Race:	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Pacific Islander
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Are you a US Citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you a person with Disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Non - Hispanic	

You must now complete Part 4

Part 4 - Household Screening

MaineHousing screens all **adult household members** for drug-related criminal activities, violent criminal activities, sex offenses and sex offender registrations, debts owed to housing agencies, alcohol related crimes and use of illegal drugs including “medical marijuana”.

Have any household members been arrested for drug-related or violent criminal activity?

Yes No *If your answer is “Yes”:*

Household Member Name?

What was the crime?

Where did the crime occur?

When did the crime occur?

Are any household members now or previously incarcerated or on probation in the last 3 years?

Yes No *If your answer is “Yes”:*

Household Member Name?

Release Date?

What was the crime?

Are any household members Lifetime registrants on a state sex offender registration program?

Yes No *If your answer is “Yes”:*

Household Member Name?

What was the crime?

Where did the crime occur?

When did the crime occur?

Do any household members currently use, cultivate, possess illegal drugs including “Medical Marijuana”?

Yes No *If your answer is “Yes”:*

Household Member Name?

Have any household members ever been evicted from any Federally Assisted Housing? (including Section 8, Public Housing, or Rural Development)

Yes No *If your answer is “Yes”:*

Household Member Name?

Location/State?

Eviction Date?

Do any household members owe money to a Housing Authority?

Yes No *If your answer is “Yes”:*

Household Member Name?

Housing Authority?

Amount Owed?

Have you, or any member of your household, sold or given away real estate property or other assets in the past two years?

Yes No *If your answer is “Yes”:*

What was it?

Amount?

Have any adult household members lived in a state other than Maine in the last 3 years?

Yes No *If your answer is “Yes”:*

Household Member Name?

Location/State?

You must now complete Part 5

Part 5 - Household Income/Assets

Income is money or contributions paid to or for, a family member. Please provide the income expected for the coming 12 months for all family members, using the lists below of income and asset sources to help you.

SOME EXAMPLES OF INCOME SOURCES:

- Employment wages, including tips
- State Supplement from DHHS
- Child Support payments
- TANF from DHHS
- Self-Employment Income, Income from a business you own
- Alimony payments
- Support from family or friends
- Educational Grants & Scholarships
- Disability Income
- Pensions, retirement accounts
- General Assistance payments
- Unemployment compensation

My household currently has no source of income

Household Member:			
Name of Income Source:			
Contact Information:			
Amount Earned:	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly

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Contact Information:			
Amount Earned:	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly

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Amount Earned:	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly

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Name of Income Source:			
Contact Information:			
Amount Earned:	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly

SOME EXAMPLES OF ASSET SOURCES:

- Bank statements reflecting Savings and Checking account balances
- Assets valuing more than \$5000 that have been sold or given away in the past two years
- Real Estate property that you own. Please provide current year property tax statement
- Investment statements for Stocks, bonds, trusts, IRAs and other investments
- Life insurance policies

Household Member:			
Type of Asset:			
Contact Information:			
Balance:	\$		

Household Member:			
Type of Asset:			
Contact Information:			
Amount Earned:	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly

Household Member:			
Type of Asset:			
Contact Information:			
Amount Earned:	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly

You must now complete Part 6

Part 6 - Household Expenses

If you do not have Household Expenses to list go to Part 7

CHILD CARE EXPENSES

If your household has adult household member(s) who are working, or Full-Time Student(s), and are required to pay child care for children under 13 years of age, please complete section below:

Household Member who is working or FT Student:	
Name of Daycare Provider:	
Contact Information:	
Amount Paid:	\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly

*****DO NOT FILL OUT THE NEXT SECTION unless your household is*****

- Elderly: The Head, Spouse or Co-Head is at least 62 years of age.
- Disabled: The Head, Spouse or Co-Head is a person with disabilities.

MEDICAL EXPENSES

- ✓ ALL members of a disabled or elderly household are eligible for medical deductions
- ✓ For Pharmacy Expenses have your pharmacy print a copy of your past year's purchases
- ✓ Out of Pocket medical expenses must exceed 3% of your annual gross income
- ✓ MaineHousing follows IRS Publication 502 guidelines of qualified, allowable medical expenses

SOME EXAMPLES OF MEDICAL EXPENSES:

- Medical expenses not covered by insurance
- Doctor or health professional services.
- Health care facilities services.
- Medicines prescribed by a physician (prescription and/or non-prescription).
- Costs related to transportation to treatment.
- Dental, eye glasses, or hearing aids.
 - ✓ Live-In Aide, attendant care or periodic medical assistance.
 - ✓ Auxiliary Apparatus (wheelchairs, ramps, vehicle adaptations, special equipment to enable the blind to read or write, vet and/or food bills for assistance animals.

Household Member:	
Medical Expense:	
Contact Information:	
Monthly Amount:	\$
Household Member:	
Medical Expense:	
Contact Information:	
Monthly Amount:	\$
Household Member:	
Medical Expense:	
Contact Information:	
Monthly Amount:	\$
Household Member:	
Medical Expense:	
Contact Information:	
Monthly Amount:	\$

You must now complete Part 7

Part 7 Household Certification

Warning: Title 18, Section 101 of the United States Code states that a Person is guilty of felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any Department or Agency of the United States, and shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

Check Off (✓) each of the following statements listed below, after having read and understood each statement. Please contact MaineHousing if you have any questions:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I certify that the information given to MaineHousing regarding my household family members, income, assets, allowances and deductions is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I certify all answers to criminal screening questions are accurate and current.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that I must report all changes in household income, assets, or family composition in <u>writing</u> to MaineHousing <u>within 14 calendar days of the change</u> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that BEFORE I add an adult to my household I must obtain <u>written permission</u> from my landlord and must receive <u>prior approval</u> from MaineHousing.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that false statements or information are punishable under Federal Law. I also understand that false statements or information are grounds for termination of housing assistance and termination of tenancy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unless disclosed in asset information, I certify that neither I nor any member of my household has disposed of any assets for less than fair market value during the last two years.

In signing this form, the undersigned certifies that the information presented on this form is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge. The undersigned further understand that providing false, misleading or incomplete information may result in the termination of housing assistance.

Head of Household Signature:	Date:
Other Adult Household Member Signature:	Date:
Other Adult Household Member Signature:	Date:
Other Adult Household Member Signature:	Date:

If you wish to share other information with us please feel free to complete Part 8 on the next page.

Supplemental and Optional Contact Information for HUD-Assisted Housing Applicants

SUPPLEMENT TO APPLICATION FOR FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING

This form is to be provided to each applicant for federally assisted housing

Instructions: Optional Contact Person or Organization: You have the right by law to include as part of your application for housing, the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or social, health, advocacy, or other organization. This contact information is for the purpose of identifying a person or organization that may be able to help in resolving any issues that may arise during your tenancy or to assist in providing any special care or services you may require. **You may update, remove, or change the information you provide on this form at any time.** You are not required to provide this contact information, but if you choose to do so, please include the relevant information on this form.

Applicant Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:
Name of Additional Contact Person or Organization:	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Cell Phone No:
E-Mail Address (if applicable):	
Relationship to Applicant:	
Reason for Contact: (Check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Recertification Process
<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to contact you	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in lease terms
<input type="checkbox"/> Termination of rental assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Change in house rules
<input type="checkbox"/> Eviction from unit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Late payment of rent	
Commitment of Housing Authority or Owner: If you are approved for housing, this information will be kept as part of your tenant file. If issues arise during your tenancy or if you require any services or special care, we may contact the person or organization you listed to assist in resolving the issues or in providing any services or special care to you.	
Confidentiality Statement: The information provided on this form is confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted by the applicant or applicable law.	
Legal Notification: Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) requires each applicant for federally assisted housing to be offered the option of providing information regarding an additional contact person or organization. By accepting the applicant's application, the housing provider agrees to comply with the non-discrimination and equal opportunity requirements of 24 CFR section 5.105, including the prohibitions on discrimination in admission to or participation in federally assisted housing programs on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status under the Fair Housing Act, and the prohibition on age discrimination under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.	

Check this box if you choose not to provide the contact information.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

The information collection requirements contained in this form were submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520). The public reporting burden is estimated at 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13604) imposed on HUD the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD-assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization. The objective of providing such information is to facilitate contact by the housing provider with the person or organization identified by the tenant to assist in providing any delivery of services or special care to the tenant and assist with resolving any tenancy issues arising during the tenancy of such tenant. This supplemental application information is to be maintained by the housing provider and maintained as confidential information. Providing the information is basic to the operations of the HUD Assisted-Housing Program and is voluntary. It supports statutory requirements and program and management controls that prevent fraud, waste and mismanagement. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Privacy Statement: Public Law 102-550, authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to collect all the information (except the Social Security Number (SSN)) which will be used by HUD to protect disbursement data from fraudulent actions.

Consent: I consent to allow HUD or the HA to request and obtain income information from the sources listed on this form for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under HUD's assisted housing programs. I understand that HAs that receive income information under this consent form cannot use it to deny, reduce or terminate assistance without first independently verifying what the amount was, whether I actually had access to the funds and when the funds were received. In addition, I must be given an opportunity to contest those determinations.

This consent form remains effective until the earliest of (i) the rendering of a final adverse decision for an assistance applicant; (ii) the cessation of a participant's eligibility for assistance from HUD and the PHA; or (iii) The express revocation by the assistance applicant or recipient (or applicable family member) of the authorization, in a written notification to HUD or the PHA.

Signatures:

_____		_____	
Head of Household	Date		
_____		_____	
Social Security Number (if any) of Head of Household		Other Family Member over age 18	Date
_____		_____	
Spouse	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
_____		_____	
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date
_____		_____	
Other Family Member over age 18	Date	Other Family Member over age 18	Date

Privacy Advisory. Authority: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect this information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et. seq.), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), and by the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19). Purpose: This form authorizes HUD and the above-named HA to request income information to verify your household's income in order to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. Failure to provide any of the requested information may result in a delay or rejection of your eligibility approval.

Penalties for Misusing this Consent: HUD and the HA (or any employee of HUD or the HA) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form. Use of the information collected based on the form HUD 9886 is restricted to the purposes cited on the form HUD 9886. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains, or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action for damages, and seek other relief, as may be appropriate, against the officer or employee of HUD or the HA for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.

OMB Burden Statement. The public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to be 0.16 hours for new admissions and .08 hours for household members turning 19, including the time for reviewing, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Collection of information income and assets is required for program eligibility determination purposes. The submission of the consent form is necessary (form-HUD 9886) so that PHAs can carry out the requirements of Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by Section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and Section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 3544) and Section 104 of HOTMA to ensure that HUD and PHAs can verify eligibility and income information for applicants and participants. This information collection is protected from disclosure by the Privacy Act. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions to reduce this burden, to the Office of Public and Indian Housing, US. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410. When providing comments, please refer to OMB Approval No. 2577-0295. HUD may not conduct and sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Authorization for the Release of Information/Privacy Act Notice to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Public and Indian Housing

PHA or IHA requesting release of information (MaineHousing - 26 Edison Drive - Augusta ME 04330)

Authority: Section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988, as amended by Section 903 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 and Section 3003 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. This law is found at 42 U.S.C. 3544. This law requires you to sign a consent form authorizing: (1) HUD, and the Housing Agency/Authority (HA) to request verification of salary and wages from current or previous employers; (2) HUD and the HA to request wage and unemployment compensation claim information from the state agency responsible for keeping that information; and (3) HUD to request certain tax return information from the U.S. Social Security Administration and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Section 104 of the Housing Opportunity and Modernization Act of 2016. The relevant provisions are found at 42 U.S.C. 1437n . This law requires you to sign a consent form authorizing the HA to request verification of any financial record from any financial institutions as defined in the Right to Financial Privacy Act (12 U.S.C. 3401)), whenever the HA determines the record is needed to determine an applicant's or participant's eligibility for assistance or level of benefits.

Purpose: In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD and the above-named HA to request income information from the sources listed on the form. HUD and the HA need this information to verify your household's income, in order to ensure that you are eligible for assisted housing benefits and that these benefits are set at the correct level. HUD and the HA may participate in computer matching programs with these sources in order to verify your eligibility and level of benefits.

Uses of Information to be Obtained: HUD is required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. HUD may disclose information (other than tax return information) for certain routine uses, such as to other government agencies for law enforcement purposes, to Federal agencies for employment suitability purposes and to HAs for the purpose of determining housing assistance. The HA is also required to protect the income information it obtains in accordance with any applicable State privacy law. HUD and HA employees may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of the income information that is obtained based on the consent form.

Private owners may not request or receive information authorized by this form.

Who Must Sign the Consent Form: Each member of your family who is 18 years of age or older must sign the consent form. Additional signatures must be obtained from new adult members joining the family or whenever members of the family become 18 years of age.

Persons who apply for or receive assistance under the following programs are required to sign this consent form:

- Public Housing
- Housing Choice Voucher
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation

Failure to Sign Consent Form: Your failure to sign the consent form may result in the denial of eligibility or termination of assisted housing benefits, or both. Denial of eligibility or termination of benefits is subject to the HA's grievance procedures and Section 8 informal hearing procedures.

Revocation of consent: If you revoke consent, the PHA will be unable to verify your information, although the data matches between HUD and other agencies will continue to automatically occur in the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System if the family is not terminated from the program.

Sources of Information to be Obtained

State Wage Information Collection Agencies. (This consent is limited to wages and unemployment compensation I have received when I have received assisted housing benefits.)

U.S. Social Security Administration (HUD only) (This consent is limited to the wage and self-employment information and payments of retirement income as referenced at Section 6103(l)(7)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

U.S. Internal Revenue Service (HUD only) (This consent is limited to unearned income [i.e., interest and dividends].)

Information may also be obtained directly from: (a) current and former employers concerning salary and wages; and (b) financial institutions as defined in the Right to Financial Privacy Act (12 U.S.C. 3401), whenever the HA determines the record is needed to determine an applicant's or participant's eligibility for assistance or level of benefits. I understand that income information obtained from these sources will be used to verify information that I provide in determining eligibility for assisted housing programs and the level of benefits. Therefore, this consent form only authorizes release directly from employers and financial institutions of information.

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

Head of Household: _____

Address: _____

I am an applicant/tenant for a federally subsidized housing assistance program. The information being requested on the attached form is for the purpose of determining my eligibility for rental assistance.

RELEASE FOR:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Employment | Pensions |
| Child care expenses | Financial Institutions |
| Utility companies | Financial aid information |
| Full-time student status | Social Service agencies |

I hereby give my permission to release information to MaineHousing from the above named sources, including but not limited to other Public Housing Authorities (PHAs).

I further understand this information will be kept in strict confidence, and used for program purposes only.

I would appreciate your prompt attention in supplying the requested information. Please return this information to MaineHousing within five (5) days of request.

I understand that a photocopy of this release is as valid as the original, and this release will remain valid for 15 months from date of signature.

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

Signature of Head of Household	Printed Name	Date
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Signature of Other Adult	Printed Name	Date
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Signature of Other Adult	Printed Name	Date
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing

DEBTS OWED TO PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES AND TERMINATIONS

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What do I do if I dispute the debt or termination information reported about me?

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CONSENT TO SCREEN FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

I, _____, SSN: _____, Date of Birth: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

- Have lived in the following **State(s) & County(s)** in the past 3 years:

_____ / _____; _____ / _____; _____ / _____;
State / County State / County State / County

- Have you used any alternate last name, maiden name, or other than the names indicated above? Yes No

If Yes, please list names

Choose ONE of the following:

I am an **Applicant**, applying for housing assistance *or*,

I am a current program **Participant** *or*,

I am a member of the **Applicant** household of _____ *or*,

I wish to become a member of the **Participant** household of _____.

Please Note: "Adult" is defined here as an individual who is 18 years old or older, or an individual who is under 18 years old, but who has been convicted of a crime as an adult or emancipated minors considered as adults.

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Please contact MaineHousing at (207) 624-5789 or 1-866-357-4853 if you have any questions about the statements above.

I hereby authorize the release of criminal history information requested directly to MaineHousing. I understand that this information is certified to be true, and that willful misrepresentation on the form is grounds for denial and/or termination.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Use Only:

APPROVAL EMAIL ATTACHED

VASH VOUCHER HOLDER

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State / County State / County State / County

- Have you used any alternate last name, maiden name, or other than the names indicated above? **Yes** **No**

If Yes, please list names

Choose ONE of the following:

I am an **Applicant**, applying for housing assistance *or*,

I am a current program **Participant** *or*,

I am a member of the **Applicant** household of _____ *or*,

I wish to become a member of the **Participant** household of _____.

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I hereby authorize the release of criminal history information requested directly to MaineHousing. I understand that this information is certified to be true, and that willful misrepresentation on the form is grounds for denial and/or termination.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Use Only: **APPROVAL EMAIL ATTACHED** **VASH VOUCHER HOLDER**

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Generally, landlords cannot ask about a tenant’s or applicant’s race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, ancestry, disability, or familial status. Certain exceptions apply with respect to disability and families with children.

Persons with Disabilities

Persons cannot be denied housing based on disability, but housing can be limited to persons with disabilities, and to qualify, tenants and applicants can be asked if they have a disability.

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Families

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The number of occupants in a dwelling may be restricted if reasonable, based on certain factors such as the size and capacity of the dwelling, the size and number of bedrooms in the dwelling, the number, age, sex and relationship of the household members, and consistency with federal, state or local occupancy requirements. Generally, two persons per bedroom is reasonable, but not always. Limits should not be based on the number of children.

Limited English Proficiency

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Who do I Contact?

If you want more information or feel you have been discriminated against, please contact:

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
United States Department of Housing and
Urban Development (HUD)
10 Causeway Street, Room 321
Boston, Massachusetts 02222-1092
617-994-8300 (voice), 1-800-827-5005 (voice)
or 617-565-5453 (TTY)

Maine Human Rights Commission
State House Station 51
Augusta, Maine 04333
207-624-6290(voice) or
Maine Relay 711 (TTY);
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Learn more about federal law on HUD’s Website:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp

Learn more about state law on the Maine Human Rights Commission’s Website:

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Legal Resources

Pine Tree Legal Assistance:

www.ptla.org

Augusta, 39 Green Street
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Bangor, 115 Main Street
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Lewiston, 95 Park Street
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Machias, 13 Cooper Street
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Disability Rights Center

www.drcme.org

1-800-452-1948 (voice/TTY)

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