



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

3989 RUFFIN ROAD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123

Waitlist Closure

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q: Why is the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego (HACSD) closing its Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) waitlist?

A: HACSD understands the critical need for affordable housing in our community, especially for the tens of thousands of families who are waiting for assistance. Unfortunately, the demand for rental assistance is much greater than the funding we receive from the federal government and due to the current and projected funding levels, HACSD will not be able to select new applicants from the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) waitlist for the next several years.

Q: When is the waitlist closing?

A: Effective February 20, 2026, at 11:59 p.m., HASCD will close the waitlists for the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8), Project Based Vouchers, Public Housing, Moderate Rehabilitation, and Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) TBRA programs to new applicants.

Q: What does “closing the waitlist” mean?

A: “Closing the waitlist” means HACSD will no longer be accepting **new** applications. This will not affect applicants that are currently on a waitlist or who apply prior to the closing date.

Q: What if I'm already on a waitlist?

A: If you are already on the waitlist, you will remain on the waitlist.

Q: When will HACSD reopen the waitlists?

A: HACSD does not currently have an estimate for when the waitlists will reopen. HACSD will notify the public in advance of the opening of new waitlists or reopening of existing waitlists.

Reopening the waitlists generally depends on the funding HACSD receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Reopening the Public Housing and Project Based waitlist is dependent on future vacancies.

Please note: There are new Project Based Voucher developments that will be constructed over the next several years. HACSD will open new waitlists for these developments closer to when the developments are ready for new tenants. These new waitlists are separate from the waitlists that are closing February 20, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

Q: How will I know if a new waitlist opens or if HACSD reopens one of the closed waitlists?

A: HACSD will provide public notice through local newspapers, lobby postings, its website, and email notifications to individuals subscribed to our email list prior to HACSD opening a waitlist. To subscribe to the email list and receive important updates like waitlist openings, please visit <https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/CASAND/subscriber/new>, create an account or log into your account and then under the Housing section select “Section 8 Program Updates” and “Waiting List Information.”

Q: Am I still required and able to update my waitlist application with changes?

A: Yes, you are still required and will be able to update your waitlist application(s). The easiest way is through the RentCafe portal [Rental Assistance Application Directions](#). You may also call HACSD at (858) 694 – 4801 or visit our office at 3989 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA 92123.

Q: What if I have an emergency situation?

A: HACSD waitlists do not provide emergency rental assistance. For transitional housing, emergency shelters, or additional community resources, please call 2-1-1.

Q: Where can I find additional information about affordable housing options and community-based resources?

A: For more information about housing resources:

- Housing Resource Directory – [Housing Directory](#)
- Affordable Housing Interactive Map - [HCDS Affordable Housing](#)