

Current Payment Standards of the SHA:

Bedroom Size	Max Payment
1	\$1005.00
2	\$1275.00
3	\$1595.00
4	\$1765.00

These amounts have been in affect since **January 1, 2019**.

Leasing Up!

Step One: Once the owner has agreed to rent to you, ask them to fill out the Request for Tenancy Approval Form.

Step Two: Give the RTA Form to your Section 8 Coordinator.

Step Three: The Section 8 Coordinator will discuss the program with the owner.

Step Four: An inspection of the unit will be scheduled. The unit **MUST** pass an inspection before a contract will be entered.

Step Five: The Section 8 Coordinator will provide prospective owners with address of your current/prior landlord.

Step Six: Contracts will be signed, lease will need to be provided to Section 8 Coordinator

I Think I've Been Discriminated Against, What Can I do?

Discrimination is against the law. No owner can refuse to rent to anyone solely because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status or a person's physical or mental handicap.

Discrimination may include:

- 👉 Setting different terms or conditions for different people.
- 👉 Advertising in a discriminatory way. For example: Men Only.
- 👉 Denying a place is available when it actually is.

If you have been discriminated against:

- Complete the **HOUSING DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT FORM** (available in your briefing package.)
- You may also contact:
New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights
163 Loudon Rd.
Concord, NH 03301
(603)271-2767

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program



Somersworth Housing Authority

25 Bartlett Ave, Suite A
Somersworth, NH 03878
www.somersworthhousing.org

Phone: (603) 692-2864
Fax: (603) 692-2877
TDD (800) 545-1833 Ext 113

Equal Opportunity Housing

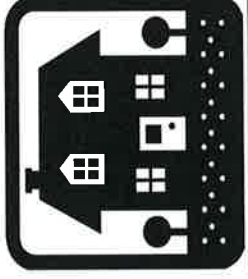
Housing Choice Vouchers

In this program, the tenant's portion is based on income and any difference over the Payment Standard the owner is charging. We determine 30% of your monthly adjusted income. From that figure we subtract our utility allowance for any utilities that you have to pay. That figure is what you have to pay to the owner each month plus the overcharge the landlord is asking.

The Payment Standard (available in the front lobby) is the maximum allowable gross rent the Housing Authority can pay up to on your behalf. Your subsidy is the difference between the Payment Standard and your 30% adjusted income.

The rent subsidy you are eligible for is based on your voucher size and income and the contract rent the owner is requesting. All have an impact on the portion of rent.

Section 8 Vouchers are Portable. Please contact your Section 8 Coordinator for more information about the process.



Subsidy Standards:

The following are the SHA subsidy standards in relation to the Section 8 Program.

Your household composition will be used to determine your voucher size unless there is a verifiable need for a different size unit than what is outlined below.

Voucher Size	Minimum #
0	1
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	5

Voucher Size	Maximum #
0	1
1	3
2	5
3	7
4	9

Finding Appropriate Housing

Your voucher is valid for **120 days!** During this time, you must either have your current housing approved or locate other housing. No extensions will be issued, unless you require a reasonable accommodation.



- *If you wish to stay where you are, please notify your Section 8 Cord. immediately. If the unit meets Housing Quality Standards and the owner will accept Section 8, it may be possible for you to receive assistance.*
- *If your current housing does not meet the requirements, or if you want to move, it is **your responsibility to locate a suitable unit!** You must show that you are making reasonable efforts to find housing, and you need to let your housing officer know how the search is progressing.*

The following are places to look when searching for new housing:

1. Newspapers
2. Schools/Post Offices
3. Community Bulletin Boards
4. Realtors
5. Craigslist.com or other online sites
6. Friends, Family, Neighbors