

Public Housing Program 2026 Waitlist Opening – FAQ'S

General Information

What is the Public Housing program?

The Public Housing program provides safe, decent, and affordable rental housing for eligible [low-income families](#), the elderly, and people with disabilities. Assistance is tied directly to properties owned and managed by the Housing Authority of Prince George's County (HAPGC). Eligible families will pay approximately 30% of their adjusted monthly income toward rent.

Why is the waitlist opening? The Housing Authority of Prince George's County (HAPGC) has determined that opening the waitlist will provide an opportunity for people to apply for public housing. All applicants have an equal opportunity for a random selection into the 4,000-slot lottery waitlist.

When will the waitlist open?

The application period will open for five (5) days only: Monday, October 26, 2026, at 12:01 am through Friday, October 30, 2026, 11:59 pm EST. Applications will only be accepted online during this time.

How do I apply?

Applications must be submitted online through the HAPGC website mypgc.us/publichousing. Paper applications will **not** be accepted.

Is there a fee to apply?

No. Applying for the Public Housing program waitlist lottery is completely free. Beware of anyone asking for payment or personal information in exchange for help while applying.

How will applicants be selected?

Once the application period closes, eligible applications will be entered into a random selection lottery. Selected applicants will be placed on the waitlist in [Local Preference](#) order.

Eligibility & Requirements

Who is eligible to apply for Public Housing?

The HAPGC will select families based on local preferences within each bedroom size category. Established [Local Preferences](#) for eligibility for public housing include:

☐ Applicants who live and/or work in the jurisdiction or those who have been hired to work in the Prince George's County, Maryland;

- ☐ Head of Household or Co-Head has paid employment for at least 30 hours/week. Documentation of paid employment for at least the past 30 days must be provided;
- ☐ Head of Household or Co-Head are 62 years of age or older;
- ☐ Head of Household or Co-Head qualify as handicapped/disabled;
- ☐ Any member of the household is medically verified as handicapped/disabled;
- ☐ Head of Household or Co-Head is in a verified full-time training or educational program with the intent of securing employment within the next twelve (12) months as a result of completing the program;
- ☐ Household has successfully completed a transitional housing program under Prince George's County continuum of care program;
- ☐ Veterans – Head, spouse, co-head or sole member is a veteran of the United States military with an Honorable Discharge. A person who served in the military that was dishonorably discharged is not eligible for veteran's preference.

What income limits apply?

Income limits are determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are based on household size. Updated income limits are available at [Public Housing Program Income Limits | Prince George's County](#).

Do I need a Social Security number to apply?

Yes. A valid Social Security number is required for each household member.

Can single individuals apply?

Yes. The program is open to individuals and families who meet [Local Preferences](#).

Do I need to upload documents when applying?

No. You will need to know the Annual Income of everyone in your household. Documentation will be requested later if you are selected from the lottery waitlist.

Application Process

How do I access the online application?

You can apply at ha.mypgc.us or mypgc.us/publichousing using any device with internet access—computer, tablet, or smartphone.

What if I don't have access to a computer or internet?

Computers are available for public use at [Prince George's County Memorial Library System locations](#) and the Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex during select times. Visit our website mypgc.us/publichousing for details. Please plan ahead, as the application period is limited.

How do I apply for the lottery waitlist?

To create your Housing Authority of Prince George's County account and register online at mypgc.us/publichousing you must have a valid email address. If you do not have a valid email address, you will need to create one.

Returning visitors should login to apply for the lottery using your previously established email and password.

First time visitors should click on “Click here to register” to create a new account. Create a password. Your password must have:

- At least 10 characters
- 1 uppercase letter
- 1 lowercase letter
- 1 special character such as: #@\$!+

IF you forgot your username and/or password, log on mypgc.us/publichousing using your previously established email address, select continue then select forgot password to reset it.

Can someone help me apply?

Yes. You may have a trusted friend or family member. HAPGC team members will be located at Prince George’s Sports & Learning Complex during select times if assistance is required. Please visit our website ha.mypgc.us or mypgc.us/publichousing for details regarding assistance. You are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all information submitted.

Can I make changes after I apply?

No. Only changes can be made after the lottery process is complete. Please review your information carefully before submitting.

How will I know if my application is received?

You will receive a confirmation email when your online application is successfully submitted.

After the Waitlist Closes

How will I know if I’ve been selected for the waitlist?

Applicants that were randomly selected through the lottery will be notified *by the email that was used to apply for the waitlist and the mailing address that was used to apply* for the 2026 Public Housing Waitlist Opening once the lottery is complete. Be sure to check both.

How long will it take to be notified?

Notifications are sent through email and/or US mail at least 30 days after the waitlist closes. Please allow our staff time for processing and DO NOT CONTACT HAPGC FOR STATUS UPDATES.

How can I check my status?

Visit [Check waitlist status](#), you must use your login and password. Or log onto ha.mypgc.us, from the banner select “HOW DO I” then select “CHECK WAIT LIST STATUS”, scroll down to the Public Housing program lottery, select “GO TO THE APPLICANT PORTAL”, then follow the login prompts. Please allow our staff time for processing and DO NOT CONTACT HAPGC FOR STATUS UPDATES.

What happens if I’m selected?

If selected by the lottery process for placement onto the waitlist, you will receive instructions on how to complete eligibility verification and provide required documentation.

What if my contact information changes during the lottery or after the lottery closes?

Only applicants who were selected to be placed on the waitlist need to notify HAPGC in writing with any changes to your address, phone number, or email. Failure to do so may result in removal from the waitlist.

Accessibility & Support

What if I need help due to a disability?

Reasonable accommodations are available for people with disabilities. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation to apply for the lottery waitlist must contact us at (301) 883-5576 prior to October 30, 2026, at 4:00 pm EST.

Are translation services available?

Yes. The online lottery application is available in 103 languages. For language assistance, contact the 504 Coordinator; 301-883-5576 or email: DHCD-504@CO.PG.MD.US prior to the waitlist closing.

Security & Privacy

Is my personal information secure?

Yes. Your information is protected by strict federal and local privacy policies. HAPGC will never ask for payment or personal information outside of the official application website.

Will my information be shared with other agencies?

Information will only be used for purposes related to the Public Housing Low-Income program and in compliance with federal privacy laws.

Additional Questions

For more information, visit ha.mypgc.us or mypgc.us/publichousing, email phwaitlist@co.pg.md.us or call (301) 883-5501.