



## The Sarasota Housing Authority Portability Procedures

Portability is simply a term, which means mobility or the ability to move. Under the Section 8 Regulations, you may make certain decisions concerning where you wish to live. Although the outcomes of individual mobility programs may vary, there are common experiences of increased family satisfaction with neighborhood safety and schools, and increased job opportunities in areas that are not high-poverty census tracts (40% of the persons for whom poverty status is determined have incomes below the poverty level). Further, preliminary evidence shows that the children of families moving to the suburbs reach higher levels of school achievement.

### Terms:

PHA	The Sarasota Housing Authority
Initial PHA	The PHA who initially certifies or assists the family
Receiving PHA	The PHA that proposes to certify or assist the family

### Area Where A Family Can Rent:

\*The family can move with a Voucher anywhere in the United States to the jurisdiction of a PHA administering the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

### Portability In The First Year After Admission:

\*The portability feature of the Voucher may be used if the family is living within the jurisdiction of the PHA at the time of application for assistance.

\*Also, portability may be used during the first year after admission if either the Head of Household or Spouse of an assisted family already had a "domicile" (legal residence) in the jurisdiction of the PHA at the time when the family first submitted an application for participation in the PHA program.

Unless agreed to by the Initial and Receiving PHA, if the above conditions are not met, the family must lease a unit in the jurisdiction of the PHA for at least twelve (12) months from the beginning of the Lease in order for the portability option to apply.

### Family Eligibility:

\*The Initial PHA is responsible for determining whether the family is income eligible in the area where the family wants to lease a unit. If the Receiving PHA opts to conduct a new reexamination, it may not delay issuing the family a Voucher or otherwise delay the approval of a unit unless the recertification is necessary to determine income eligibility.

\*If the family is not a current participant in the Initial PHA's Voucher program, the applicable income limit for admission is the applicable income limit in the jurisdiction of the Receiving PHA. The family may only lease a unit in an area where the family is income-eligible in the jurisdiction of the Receiving PHA.

The family must meet the eligibility criteria for the program to which the family is being admitted. Since the family moving between the programs is continually assisted, the applicable income limit is the Receiving PHA low-income limits (80% of the median income) for the area to which the family will move.

For continued assistance under the same program, income eligibility is not re-determined.

**Other Things That You Need To Know:**

After you have received your Voucher, you may have a desire or find a need to move to another location. If such a need should arise, you must make your request to us in writing so that we can set up an appointment for you to come in and arrange for the transfer of your information to the Receiving PHA.

You should be absolutely certain of where you want your information sent because some locations have more than one PHA serving them. It is our responsibility to provide you with information that will help you to make an informed decision about where your information is to be forwarded. You will be asked to submit a written authorization to transfer the information and to which Housing Authority it should be sent.

The Fair Market Rent (FMR) or Payment Standard (PS) of the Receiving PHA is applicable and different subsidy standards may change the bedroom size of the family's Voucher

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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