

Authorization for the Release of Information

PHA Requesting release of information:

County of Hawai`i
 Office of Housing and Community Development
 1990 Kino`ole Street, Suite 102
 Hilo, Hawai`i 96720
 (808) 961-8379

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1437f and 3535(d), implemented at 24 CFR 982.551(b).

Purpose: In signing this consent form, you are authorizing HUD and the above named HA to request information including but not limited: to identity and marital status, employment income, welfare income, assets, residences and rental activity, Medical or Child Care Allowances, Credit and Criminal Activity. HUD and the HA need this information to verify your eligibility 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 information it obtains in accordance with the Privacy Act or 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 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 information that is obtained based on the consent form.

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

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.

Sources of Information: The groups or individuals that may be asked to release information include but are not limited to:

- Previous Landlords (including PHAs)
- Courts and Post Offices
- Schools and Colleges
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Support and Alimony Providers
- Past and Present Employers
- Welfare Agencies
- State Unemployment Agencies
- Social Security Administration
- Medical and Child Care Providers
- Veterans Administration
- Retirement Systems
- Banks and Financial Institution
- Credit Providers and Credit Bureaus
- Utility Companies

Consent: I consent to allow HUD or the HA to request and obtain any information from any Federal, State or local agency, organization, business, or individual for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under HUD's assisted housing programs. I understand that HAs that receive information under this consent form cannot use it to deny, reduce or terminate assistance without first independently verifying the information obtained. In addition, I must be given an opportunity to contest those determinations.

This consent form expires 15 months after signed.

Signatures:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Head of Household	Date	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

Penalties for Misusing this Consent:

HUD, the HA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, the HA or the owner) 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 this form is restricted to the purposes cited above. Any person who knowingly or willfully request, 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, the HA or the owner responsible for the unauthorized disclosure or improper use.