

MAINE CENTRALIZED SECTION 8/HCV WAITING LIST

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DEFINITIONS OF PREFERENCES

NOTE: Participating housing authorities may or may not use some or all of the preferences listed below. These definitions are minimum qualifications; housing authorities may have more specific criteria within a particular preference. A housing authority will request documentation of preferences at the time you reach the top of the waiting list and are selected for final determination.

1. **DISABLED** – A family whose head, spouse or sole member has a physical or mental disability. This may require verification from a third party source for eligibility purposes. (For additional information regarding Additional Terms or Exceptions see 5 M.R.S.A 4553-A). “Physical or mental disability” means:
 - A. Physical or Mental disability, defined – “Physical or mental disability means:
 1. A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual;
 2. Significantly impairs physical or mental health;
 3. Requires special education, vocational rehabilitation or related services;Without regard to severity unless otherwise indicated: absent, artificial or replacement limbs, hands, feet or vital organs; alcoholism; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; bipolar disorder; blindness or abnormal vision loss; cancer; cerebral palsy; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; Crohn’s disease; cystic fibrosis; deafness or abnormal hearing loss; diabetes; substantial disfigurement; epilepsy; heart disease; HIV or AIDS; kidney or renal diseases; lupus; major depressive disorder; mastectomy; intellectual disability; multiple sclerosis; muscular dystrophy; paralysis; Parkinson’s disease; pervasive developmental disorders; rheumatoid arthritis; schizophrenia; and acquired brain injury.
 - B. With respect to an individual, having a record of any of the conditions in paragraph A; or
 - C. With respect to an individual, being regarded as having or likely to develop any of the conditions in paragraph A.
2. **FAMILY WITH MINOR CHILDREN OR DEPENDENTS** – At least one member of a family is under eighteen (18) years of age **and** the legal responsibility of an adult member in the family; OR at least one disabled person of any age who is not the head or spouse/partner; OR a person eighteen years of age or older who is claimed as a dependent under IRS rules.
3. **VETERAN** – A person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.
4. **WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** – To receive this preference the family must live in a specific town.
5. **ELDERLY** – A family whose head of household or spouse is sixty-two (62) years of age or older.
6. **DISPLACED BY NATURAL or NATIONAL DISASTER** – Persons displaced by natural or national disaster.
7. **CHRONICALLY HOMELESS** – This preference is available to **Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families** who may be eligible for special Voucher Set-Asides provided by certain Housing Authorities. Chronically homeless is defined as an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition or a family with a member who has a disabling condition and has been continuously homeless for a year or more, or had at least four (4) episodes of homelessness in the past three (3) years. To be considered chronically homeless, a person or family must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation (i.e. living on the streets or in a car, camping, etc) and/or been in an emergency shelter within the area of the Housing Authority during that time.
8. **WHERE DO HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WORK?** – To receive this preference at least one member of the household must work, or be hired to work, in a specific town.
9. **NON-SUBSIDIZED** – A family who is not currently residing in subsidized housing or receiving subsidized rental assistance based on their monthly income.
10. **FULL-TIME STUDENT attending school in Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, Poland or Turner** – To qualify for this preference the head of household or spouse must be attending school full-time within Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, Poland and Turner.
11. **WORKING/EMPLOYED** – A family whose head of household or spouse is currently employed.
12. **SINGLE-PERSON FAMILY** – A one-person family, where the sole member is **not** Disabled and is **under** sixty-two (62) years of age.
13. **TEDFORD SHELTER RESIDENT** – A family that is currently residing at the Tedford Housing Individual or Family Shelter.
14. **ATTENDING SCHOOL IN AUGUSTA HOUSING’S JURISDICTION** – At least one household member must be attending school in one of the following towns to qualify for this preference: Augusta, Belgrade, Chelsea, China, Coopers Mills, Farmingdale, Gardiner, Hallowell, Manchester, Monmouth, Mt. Vernon, Pittston, Randolph, Readfield, Vassalboro, Whitefield, Windsor or Winthrop.

15. **PAYING MORE THAN 30% INCOME FOR RENT** – Rent is defined as the actual amount due under a lease or occupancy agreement calculated on a monthly basis, plus the monthly amount of tenant supplied utilities.
16. **PAYING MORE THAN 50% INCOME FOR RENT** – Rent is defined as the actual amount due under a lease or occupancy agreement calculated on a monthly basis, plus the monthly amount of tenant supplied utilities.
17. **ELDERLY, DISABLED, OR FAMILY OF TWO (2) OR MORE AND LIVES OR WORKS IN MAINE** – Families that meet the definition of Elderly or Disabled, or that consists of Two (2) or more Persons AND also Lives or Work in the State of Maine.
18. **SINGLE-PERSON FAMILY AND LIVES OR WORKS IN MAINE** – A one-person family, where the sole member is *not* Disabled, is *under* sixty-two (62) years of age, AND also Lives or Works in the State of Maine.
19. **NOT LIVING OR WORKING IN MAINE** – A family that does not live or work in the State of Maine.
20. **FULL-TIME STUDENT attending school in Waterville, Winslow, Sidney or Oakland** – To qualify for this preference the head of household or spouse must be attending school full-time within Waterville, Winslow, Sidney or Oakland
21. **RETIRED FROM WORKING in Waterville, Winslow, Sidney or Oakland** – To qualify for this preference the head of household or spouse must be retired and must have been working in Waterville, Winslow, Sidney or Oakland at the time of retirement.
22. **FAMILY OF TWO OR MORE** – A family consisting of two or more persons.
23. **SERVICEMAN OR FAMILY OF DECEASED VETERAN WHOSE DEATH WAS SERVICE-RELATED** – A person currently serving in the active U.S. Military; OR a Family of a deceased veteran whose death was service-related, as determined by the U.S. Veterans Administration.
24. **DISPLACED BY MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF LEWISTON** – A family which will be, or has been within the three year period ending on the date of application, displaced by any low-rent housing project, public slum-clearance project or public redevelopment project, in the City of Lewiston.
25. **DISPLACED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR LIVING IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION** – The family has vacated or been displaced as a result of fleeing domestic violence in the home; OR the family is currently living in a situation where they are being subjected to or victimized by domestic violence in the home. "Domestic violence" means actual or threatened physical violence directed against one or more members of the applicant family by a spouse or other member of the applicant's household.
26. **DISPLACED BY GOVERNMENT ACTION** – Unit is uninhabitable due to activities carried out by an agency of the United States or by any state or local governmental body or agency in connection with code enforcement, public improvements or development program.
27. **HOMELESS FAMILY WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN** – A family with dependent children who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and who has a primary nighttime residence defined as a supervised public or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living accommodations. Includes welfare, hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing; an institution that provides temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized – *not incarcerated (i.e. jails and prisons)*; a place not designated or normally used as a regular sleeping place for humans.
28. **ENROLLED IN AROOSTOOK COUNTY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION** – At least one adult household member is enrolled in an Aroostook County institution of higher education.
29. **LIVE OR WORK IN AROOSTOOK COUNTY** – A family that lives in Aroostook County or at least one household member works or has been hired to work in Aroostook County.
30. **FULL-TIME STUDENT attending school in Presque Isle, Mapleton, Castle Hill, Chapman, Washburn, Westfield or Easton** – To qualify for this preference the head of household or spouse must be attending school full-time within Presque Isle, Mapleton, Castle Hill, Chapman, Washburn, Westfield or Easton.
31. **EDUCATION / JOB TRAINING** – Actively participating in an education or training program designed to prepare individuals for the job market.
32. **ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER ATTENDING SCHOOL IN OLD TOWN, ORONO, VEAZIE, STILLWATER, MILFORD, BRADLEY, GREENBUSH, GREENFIELD, COSTIGAN, HUDSON, ALTON OR ARGYLE** – At least one adult household member must be attending school in one of the following towns to qualify for this preference: Old Town, Orono, Veazie, Stillwater, Milford, Bradley, Greenbush, Greenfield, Costigan, Hudson, Alton or Argyle.



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