Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mitt Romney, Governor ◆ Kerry Healey, Lt. Governor ◆ Jane Wallis Gumble, Director

Public Housing Notice 2004-08

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Local Housing Authorities

FROM: Carole E. Collins, Director, Bureau of Housing Management

RE: Revised Income Limits for Admission and FMRs for Continued Occupancy

DATE: August 25, 2004

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Attached please find the 2004 revised income limits for admission to state-aided public housing and for participation in the AHVP effective August 9, 2004. Pursuant to 760 CMR 5.06 these income limits are set at two year intervals and are the "Low Income Limits" set by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a similarly sized household in the city or town in which the LHA is located. Please review the attached listing and have the appropriate area limits for your Authority adopted by the Board. Each LHA should adopt limits for each specific household size, one through eight. You will find the current Fair Market Rents (FMRs) for the area enclosed as well for your use in determining eligibility for continued occupancy. Remember DHCD only sends the current FMR when it revises the income limits for admission, however, LHAs should use then current FMRs when making determinations of eligibility for continued occupancy.

If you have any questions, please contact your Housing Management Specialist.

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NET INCOME LIMITS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE FOR DETERMINING ADMISSION FOR STATE-AIDED PROGRAMS

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 9, 2004

PMSA	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT
Barnstable - Yarmouth	34600	39550	44500	49450	53400	57350	61300	65250
Boston	46300	52950	59550	66150	71450	76750	82050	87350
Brockton	40250	46000	51750	57500	62100	66700	71300	75900
Fitchburg - Leominster	34850	39800	44800	49750	53750	57700	61700	65700
Lawrence	40250	46000	51750	57500	62100	66700	71300	75900
Lowell	40250	46000	51750	57500	62100	66700	71300	75900
New Bedford	34550	39500	44400	49350	53300	57250	61200	65150
Pittsfield	34550	39500	44400	49350	53300	57250	61200	65150
Providence - Fall River - Warwick	38000	43450	48900	54300	58650	63000	67350	71700
Springfield	34550	39500	44400	49350	53300	57250	61200	65150
Worcester	38800	44350	49900	55450	59900	64300	68750	73200
NON-PMSA								
Barnstable County	34550	39500	44400	49350	53300	57250	61200	65150
Berkshire	34550	39500	44400	49350	53300	57250	61200	65150
Dukes County	37000	42300	47600	52900	57100	61350	65550	69800
Franklin County	34550	39500	44400	49350	53300	57250	61200	65150
Hampden	37750	43150	48550	53900	58250	62550	66850	71150
Hampshire	38000	43450	48900	54300	58650	63000	67350	71700
Nantucket County	47100	53800	60550	67300	72650	78050	83450	88800
Worcester	34550	39500	44400	49350	53300	57250	61200	65150

FAIR MARKET RENTS

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 9, 2004

METROPOLITAN FMR AREAS	0BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR
Barnstable - Yarmouth	541	724	967	1212	1357
Boston	1007	1135	1419	1775	2084
Brockton	647	853	1046	1300	1483
Fitchburg - Leominster	441	620	805	1035	1125
Lawrence	639	771	971	1214	1492
Lowell	682	881	1065	1334	1491
New Bedford	592	723	823	1029	1155
Pittsfield	353	501	617	775	959
Providence - Fall River - Warwick	414	564	678	851	1050
Springfield	439	544	686	857	1055
Worcester	549	663	827	1033	1158

NONMETROPOLITAN COUNTIES	0BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR
Barnstable County	526	722	960	1202	1347
Berkshire	419	509	600	823	987
Dukes County	710	723	961	1203	1350
Franklin County	451	560	716	896	1083
Hampden	455	622	829	1102	1360
Hampshire	639	646	862	1082	1210
Nantucket County	807	1082	1443	1803	2019
Worcester	508	530	706	884	989

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Chapter 116

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Four

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEFINITION OF A VETERAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Veteran" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

"Veteran" shall mean (1) any person, (a) whose last discharge or release from his wartime service as defined herein, was under honorable conditions and who (b) served in the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, or air force of the United States, or on full time national guard duty under Titles 10 or 32 of the United States Code or under sections 38, 40 and 41 of chapter 33 for not less than 90 days active service, at least 1 day of which was for wartime service; provided, however, that any person who so served in wartime and was awarded a service-connected disability or a Purple Heart, or who died in such service under conditions other than dishonorable, shall be deemed to be a veteran notwithstanding his failure to complete 90 days of active service; (2) a member of the American Merchant Marine who served in armed conflict between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946, and who has received honorable discharges from the United States Coast Guard, Army, or Navy; (3) any person (a) whose last discharge from active service was under honorable conditions, and who (b) served in the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, or air force of the United States for not less than 180 days active service; provided, however, that any person who so served and was awarded a service-connected disability or who died in such service under conditions other than dishonorable, shall be deemed to be a veteran notwithstanding his failure to complete 180 days of active service.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no benefits provided to a veteran pursuant to chapter 115 of the General Laws or

any other benefits as provided to the veteran by the commonwealth shall be reduced or extinguished in order to effectuate this act.

House of Representatives, May 17, 2004.

Passed to be enacted, Patricia A. Walrath, Speaker.

In Senate, May 24, 2004.

Passed to be enacted, Diane Wilkerson, President.

May 28, 2004.

Approved, at 1:15 P.M.

Mitt Romney

Governor.

DEFINITION OF MASSACHUSETTS VETERAN
M.G.L. c. 4, sec. 7, cl. 43rd as amended by the Acts of 2004
Effective August 30, 2004

ERA of Service	DATES	Requirement for Veteran Status
WWI	6-Apr-1917 11-Nov-1918	**90 days** of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	12-Nov-1918 15-Sep-1940	**180 days** of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
WWII (Merchant Marine: one day between 7-Dec-1941 through 31-Dec-1946)	16-Sep-1940 31-Dec-1946	**90 days** of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	1-Jan-1947 24-Jun-1950	**180 days** of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
KOREA	25-Jun-1950 31-Jan-1955	**90 days** of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	1-Feb-1955 4-Aug-1964	**180 days** of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
VIETNAM	5-Aug-1964 7-May-1975	**90 days** of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	8-May-1975 1-Aug-1990	**180 days** of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Lebanon Campaign*	25-Aug-1982 (to be determined later)	**90 days** of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Grenada Campaign *	25-Oct-1983 15-Dec-1983	**90 days** of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Panama Campaign *	20-Dec-1989 31-Jan-1990	**90 days** of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PERSIAN GULF	2-Aug-1990 (to be determined later)	**90 days** of active duty service, one (1) day of which is during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.

* Naval and Marine DD214 must indicate Expeditionary Medal. All DD214's must specify campaign: Lebanon, Granada, or Panama.

- For **GUARD MEMBERS** to qualify they must have 180 days and have been activated under Title 10 of the U.S. Code **-OR-** Members who were activated under Title 10 or Title 32 of the U.S. Code or Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 33, sections 38, 40, and 41 must have 90 days, at least one of which was during wartime, per the above chart.
- For **RESERVISTS** to qualify, they must have been called to regular active duty, at which point their eligibility can be determined by the above chart.

Training Duty Exception: Active duty service in the armed forces shall not include active duty for training in the Army or Air National Guard or active duty for training as a Reservist in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Minimum Service Exception (for Death or Disability)
It is not necessary that an applicant have completed the minimum service for wartime or peacetime campaign if he/she served some time in the campaign and was awarded the Purple Heart, or suffered a service-connected disability, or died in the service under honorable conditions.

Revised 7/6/04

THIS BOX IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of Receipt:	_____
Time of Receipt:	_____
Control Number:	_____
Priority Category:	_____
Preference Category:	_____

Application Update for Veteran's Preference

1. Name of Applicant: _____ Control Number: _____

   Address of Current Residence: _____ Apt. No.: _____

   City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

   Mailing Address: _____ Apt. No.: _____

   Home Telephone: ( )_____ Work Telephone ( )_____

2. **Veteran's Preference:**
   a. (Only for Family Housing) You may apply for Veteran's Preference if you are a Veteran, the spouse, surviving spouse, dependent parent or child or divorced spouse with a dependent child of a Veteran.
   b. (Only for Elderly/Handicapped Housing) You may apply for Veteran's Preference if you are a Veteran who resides in this City or Town.

   If you wish to apply for Veteran's Preference, list the dates of U.S. Military service. Include service dates for service in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force or National Guard.

   Service Dates: From _____, _____ to _____, _____

   A copy of the Veteran's Department of Defense Form DD214 must be submitted with this application.

   SIGNED UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY. I understand that a photocopy of this application and a photocopy of this signature is as valid as the original.

   Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

   Reviewer's signature: _____ Date: _____