



Oakland Housing Authority

## Change to the OHA Portability Policy

The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) has recently made changes to its Portability Policy. Portability is the process by which an eligible family obtains a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher from one Public Housing Authority's jurisdiction, and uses it to lease a unit in the jurisdiction of another Public Housing Authority. The objective of the Housing Choice Voucher program is to provide increased housing options for families, and OHA's goal is to increase the affordable housing options within Oakland. If families port out of Oakland to neighboring cities and are not absorbed into the receiving jurisdiction's program, OHA is required to continue to pay the (oftentimes higher) subsidy for the unit. This effectively denies a voucher to an Oakland family on our wait list. By limiting the number of households moving locally, OHA can use its subsidy dollars to assist families who live within our jurisdiction, the City of Oakland.

(This policy change does not affect families that elect to move to jurisdictions outside of the nine Bay Area counties identified, and it contains provisions (listed below) that will still allow some families to move into neighboring jurisdictions.)

**Effective July 1, 2015, the Oakland Housing Authority will no longer process outgoing portability to Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Solano Counties.**

A list of all cities within these counties is available on our website [www.oakha.org](http://www.oakha.org).

OHA does anticipate that some households may need to move out of Oakland due to special circumstances. There are exceptions to this policy, which include:

- Reasonable accommodation for persons with a disability.
- Verifiable employment opportunity more than 35 miles from the City of Oakland limits and at least 20 hours per week paid at minimum wage or above.
- Situations covered under the 2013 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
- Education for the head of household, co-head, and/or spouse only (Must show proof of full-time enrollment at a college or university).
- Verifiable threat to the physical safety of the family.
- The receiving Public Housing Authority (PHA) absorbs the voucher
- Declared natural disaster or state of emergency

If your family has a specific situation that requires you to move to one of the listed Bay Area counties; you may contact a staff person in **Leased Housing Department at 510-587-2100** to discuss your options.

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# Change to the OHA Portability Policy - JURISDICTIONS

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## ALAMEDA COUNTY

- City of Alameda
- Albany
- Berkeley
- Dublin
- Emeryville
- Fremont
- Hayward
- Livermore
- Newark
- Piedmont
- Pleasanton
- San Leandro
- Union City
- The Unincorporated Areas of Alameda County

## SOLANO COUNTY

- Benicia
- Dixon
- Fairfield
- Rio Vista
- Suisun City
- Vacaville
- Vallejo
- The Unincorporated Areas of Solano County

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

- Antioch
- Brentwood
- Clayton
- Concord
- Danville
- El Cerrito
- Hercules
- Lafayette
- Martinez
- Moraga
- Oakley
- Orinda
- Pinole
- Pittsburg
- Pleasant Hill
- Richmond
- San Pablo
- San Ramon
- Walnut Creek
- The Unincorporated Areas of Contra Costa County

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY

- City of Campbell
- City of Cupertino
- City of Gilroy
- City of Los Altos
- Town of Los Altos Hills
- Town of Los Gatos
- City of Milpitas
- City of Monte Sereno
- City of Morgan Hill
- City of Mountain View
- City of Palo Alto
- City of San Jose
- City of Santa Clara
- City of Saratoga
- City of Sunnyvale
- The Unincorporated Areas of Santa Clara County

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

- City of San Francisco



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The Unincorporated **Areas of Alameda County**, include, but are not limited to:

Altamont	Dougherty	Kilkare Woods	Niles District
Alvarado	Eden Township	Livermore Valley	San Lorenzo
Ashland	Fairview	Midway	Scotts Corner
Castro Valley	Greenville	Mission San Jose	Sunol
Centerville District	Irvington District	Mount Eden	Warm Springs
Cherryland	Jarvis Landing	Mulford Gardens	

The Unincorporated **Areas of Contra Costa County**, include, but are not limited to:

Alamo	Contra Costa Centre	Nichols	Rossmoor
Alhambra Valley	Crockett	North Richmond	Saranap
Avon	Diablo	Orinda Village	Shore Acres
Bay Point	Discovery Bay	Pacheco	Sobrante
Bethel Island	East Richmond Heights	Parkmead	Tara Hills
Blackhawk	El Sobrante	Port Costa	Tassajara
Briones	Kensington	Reliez Valley	Tormey
Byron	Knightsen	Rheem Valley	Vine Hill
Canyon	Montalvin Manor	Rodeo	Waldon
Clyde	Mt. View	Rollingwood	West Pittsburg

The Unincorporated **Areas of San Francisco County**, include, but are not limited to:

Mission District	North Beach
Presidio of San Francisco	Treasure Island (Military Res)

The Unincorporated **Areas of Santa Clara County**, include, but are not limited to:

Agnew	Chemeketa Park	Loyola	San Felipe
Alum Rock	Coyote	Madrone	San Martin
Alviso	East Foothills	Monta Vista	San Tomas
Bayshore	Evergreen	Mount Hamilton	Seven Trees
Berryessa	Fruitdale	New Almaden	South Coyote
Buena Vista	Gilroy Hot Springs	Rancho Rinconada	Stanford
Burbank	Holy City	Redwood Estates	Sunol
Cambrian Village	Lexington Hills	Rucker	Twin Creeks

The Unincorporated **Areas of Solano County**, include, but are not limited to:

Allendale	Denverton	Hartley	Rockville
Birds Landing	Dozier	Liberty Farms	Travis AFB
Collinsville	Elmira	Mankas Corner	
Cordelia	Green Valley	Montezuma	