



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.

# 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

| <b><u>METROPOLITAN FMR AREAS</u></b>   | <b><u>0BR</u></b> | <b><u>1BR</u></b> | <b><u>2BR</u></b> | <b><u>3BR</u></b> | <b><u>4BR</u></b> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 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              |
| <br>                                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| <b><u>NONMETROPOLITAN COUNTIES</u></b> | <b><u>0BR</u></b> | <b><u>1BR</u></b> | <b><u>2BR</u></b> | <b><u>3BR</u></b> | <b><u>4BR</u></b> |
| 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               |

## 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,

*Peter A. Awelath* Speaker.

In Senate, May 27, 2004.

Passed to be enacted,

*Diane W. Wiersma* President.

May 28, 2004.

Approved, at 1:15 PM.

*Mitt Romney*  
Governor.

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

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

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|----------------------|-------|
| 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: \_\_\_\_\_