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Do you have a homeless preference?

What kind of documentation do you require to prove homelessness if there is no local shelter or the local shelter is full or closed? (for some PHAs after Harvey, this has become a problem)

Bastrop

**Involuntary Displaced – Applicant has vacated or will have to vacate his or her housing unit as a result of:**

\_\_\_\_\_   A Presidentially Declared Disaster (must be documented by proof of residency in presidentially declared disaster area)

\_\_\_\_\_   Fire, flood or other natural disaster (must be documented by proof of residency in the disaster area and verification of the disaster such as letter(s) from a government agency, newspaper account, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  Action by local, state or federal government *(Must be documented by written verification from the government agency which caused displacement.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  Action by the landlord which did not result from action acts of the applicant or members of the applicant’s household and does not include eviction for non-payment of rent or other evictions for failure to comply with obligations under the lease. *(Must be documented by signed statement from landlord describing the reason for displacement.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  Actual or threatened violence against applicant or member of applicant’s household. *(Must be documented by a police report, social service agency or any other agency which has investigated the claim of family violence.)*

            o**Homeless or living in a temporary shelter**

\_\_\_\_\_  Family lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night time residence.  Does not include living with family or friends.  *(Must be documented by motel or other  receipts or verified by a government agency, social service agency, homeless shelter or an individual acting in an official capacity such as a judge, police officer, minister, etc. who is knowledgeable of situation and/or providing temporary shelter.)*

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Baytown - We do not have a homeless preference but we have a preference for those displaced by a natural disaster.

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Corsicana does not have a homeless preference; however, we do have a preference for persons displaced as a result of a federally declared disaster.

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Dublin - I do not have a homeless preference due to the fact the majority of the applicants say they are homeless.  The only preference I have is for domestic violence (documented) and due to natural disasters.

We do have a preference for homeless due to natural disasters due to the hurricanes we require to copy the documents they have from Fema or Red Cross

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Kingsville - Our Agency does not have homeless a homeless preference.  We have displaced and that calls for a preference in the event of a natural disaster.  We accept letter on letterhead from FEMA (also, hotel bill that shows pd. By FEMA), Fire Department, local government entity, Red Cross, etc.

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Midland County - yes to homeless preference; Shelter or community partner verification of homelessness

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Abilene - yes to homelss preference; We use a referral system, meaning that our local homeless service providers refer homeless households to our agency that they are currently working with.

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Waxahachie - We require documentation from a social service agency and/or law enforcement stating the family is homeless.

See preference below:

o    I am/We lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

o    I am/We are fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threating conditions that relate to violence.

**Residency Verification:**

o    I am/We work within the locality of the City of Mesquite, Texas.

o    I am have children that attend school within the locality of the city of Mesquite, Texas.

o    I/We live in substandard housing as determined by a licensed housing inspector with the locality of the city of Mesquite, Texas.