

Topic 2
Students in Section 8 Housing

Roles: Tenant - Lesley
Manager - Tahisa

Issue: You are conducting an annual recertification with a tenant. During the interview the tenant informs you that they are now a full time student.

Manager: Hi Miss Lefler. Thanks for coming down to complete your annual recertification.

Tenant: Hi Tahisa. I have given you all of the documentation that you requested.

Manager: Thanks. Could I ask you a couple of questions?

Tenant: Sure

Manager: I see here that you have included a letter from the local County College that you are a full time student.

Tenant: That is correct.

Manager: How old are you?

Tenant: 22

Manager: Are you married?

Tenant: No

Manager: Do you have a dependent child?

Tenant: No

Manager: Are you a veteran?

Tenant: No

Mattie

The Big Question: Is the tenant eligible to continue receiving Section 8 assistance under the HUD Section 8 Student rule?

Yes/No

How about if their age was 25 would they now be eligible?

Yes/No

Solution: There are two ways Lesley could still qualify for Section 8 assistance:

1. She can verify that she income qualifies for Section 8 assistance and that her parents (individually or jointly) are also income eligible for Section 8 assistance in the county where they reside.

2. Lesley can verify that she has been living independently from her parents for the last twelve months, and that they have not claimed her as a dependent on their income taxes.

If Lesley were 25 years of age, she would automatically qualify as an Independent Student and be eligible for Section 8 subsidy.

HUD Handbook Reference

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