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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Publishes FAST Act Final Rule

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) published a [final rule](#) finalizing the regulatory language in the December 2017 “[interim final rule](#),” which implemented the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act ([FAST Act](#)). As you recall, the interim final rule authorized triennial reexams for some assisted families and slightly revised options for verifying income from fixed sources originally included in the 2016 [streamlining final rule](#), unifying the two rules. To be precise, the interim final rule specified that when at least 90 percent of a family’s income is from fixed income sources, PHAs using streamlined income verification *may, but are not required to*, adjust the non-fixed income. For families with at least one source of fixed income, but for whom less than 90 percent of the family’s income is from fixed sources, PHAs and owners must verify and adjust non-fixed sources annually. Today’s rule makes only one change to clarify that PHAs *are not required to* make adjustments to non-fixed income.

The effective date of the [final rule](#) is **June 8, 2020**.

HCV PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates COVID-19 FAQs for HCV Landlords

Recently on the [HCV Landlord Resources](#) webpage, HUD posted an [updated version](#) of the COVID-19 FAQs for Housing Choice Voucher ([HCV](#)) Landlords. The FAQs, dated April 27, 2020, use the following resources as references:

- [COVID-19 FAQs for Public Housing Agencies](#) (dated March 20, 2020)
- [Notice PIH 2020-05](#) (issued April 10, 2020)
- [COVID-19 FAQs for Public Housing Agencies, Round 3 FAQs](#) (dated April 22, 2020)

The reference used and its corresponding date of issue is listed after each question in the [FAQ document](#). The questions are listed in chronological order.



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