



Housing Authority

## Voucher Size and Term

The size of the unit you are eligible for is indicated on your voucher and the size of your family. The OCHA is required to establish rules for determining unit size. These rules are called subsidy standards.

The OCHA determines your voucher size using the standards and the following criteria:

- A family that consist of a pregnant woman (with no other persons) must be treated as a two-person family
- Space may be provided for a child who is away at school attending full-time, but who lives with a family during school breaks
- Live-in aides are provided a separate bedroom,,; no additional bedrooms are provided for the aide's family
- A child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care is considered a member of the family in determine the family unit size
- Generally, the OCHA subsidy standards require persons of the opposite sex (*other than spouses, and children under age five (5)*) will be allocated separate bedrooms

The voucher term is the search time granted to the family during, which a family must:

- For the OCHA applicants/participants the initial voucher term will be 120 calendar days
- For portability participants the initial voucher may not expire before the term of the initial PHA's voucher
- The family must submit a Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA) within the 120- day period unless the OCHA grants an extension