

Do you live in public housing or Section 8 housing? Are you being charged the correct rent?

If you live in public housing or Section 8 housing,
your rent is set according to your income.

This is more complicated than it sounds.

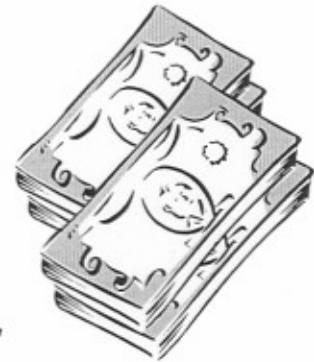
Sometimes, DCHA gets it wrong.

Did you know?

For DCHA to get your rent right,
it must look at many things.

***DCHA does not always ask
for all the information it needs.***

As a result, you might be paying too much.



Here are some things that can reduce your rent:

- **Dependents**: You could pay less if someone in your household is under 18, disabled, or a full-time student. This includes anyone other than the head of household or his/her spouse.
- **Elderly/Disabled**: You could pay less if you or someone in your household is elderly (over 62) or disabled.
- **Medical Expenses**: You could pay less if you are elderly or disabled AND you are paying out-of-pocket for doctors, prescriptions, or other medical costs. For example, if you do not have health insurance and you have to pay for your own medical care, you might be able to get a break in your rent.
- **Child Care**: You could pay less if you are paying out-of-pocket for child care.

**If you think you qualify
for any of these categories,
make sure to ask DCHA about them.**



***IF YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING OVERCHARGED,
TALK TO A LAWYER.***