



BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

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(This information is available in an alternative format upon request.)

Verification Consent Form

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| Date | |
| Head of Household | |
| Client # | |
| SSN of Head | |
| Leasing Officer | |

CONSENT: I consent to allow the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) to request and to obtain information from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for the purpose of verifying my eligibility and level of benefits under the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's assisted public housing program. I understand that the BHA cannot use it to delay, deny, reduce or terminate housing assistance to non-citizens. In addition, I understand I must be given an opportunity to contest the determination with the INS or the BHA or both.

THIS CONSENT FORM EXPIRES 15 MONTHS AFTER SIGNED.

A.) SIGNATURE(S) of ADULT(S):

Who Must Sign: In order to be eligible to receive Federally-funded housing assistance, each adult and child applying for, or currently receiving housing assistance must be lawfully residing within the U.S. **Please read the Verification Consent Form carefully and sign and return to the Boston Housing Authority.** Please feel free to consult with an immigration lawyer or other immigration expert of your choosing.

Privacy Act Statement: The information on this form is being collected by the Boston Housing Authority to determine the applicant's or tenant's eligibility for Federally assisted housing. The BHA may release this information, without responsibility for the further use or transmission of the evidence by the entity receiving it to (1) the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and (2) to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for the purposes of verification of the immigration status of each individual and not for any other purpose. HUD is not responsible for the further use or transmission of the evidence or other information by the INS.

Penalties for Misusing this Consent: HUD, the BHA and any owner (or any employee of HUD, the BHA or the owner) may be subject to penalties for unauthorized disclosures or improper uses of information collected based on the consent form. Use of the information collected on the consent form is restricted to the purposes cited on the form. Any person who knowingly or willfully requests, obtains or discloses any information under false pretenses concerning an applicant or participant may be subject to a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000. Any applicant or participant affected by negligent disclosure of information may bring civil action against any responsible agency or employee.