



Housing Choice Portability

Housing Choice Voucher- Portability

Portability is the ability for a family to move from one voucher jurisdiction to that of another while still maintaining the tenant-based voucher.

Porting to JHA

Step 1: Request portability from your housing authority. If approved, your housing authority will fax, mail, or email your portability paperwork to JHA. Email for portability questions and submitting paperwork is portability@jacksonha.com

Step 2: JHA staff will contact you **within 2 weeks** from receipt of your paperwork from the initial HA. JHA will contact you to schedule an appointment. We will also verify what information you will need to bring to the appointment.

Step 3: Attend your appointment with JHA on time and bring in all the information requested.

Step 4: Locate a unit. An inspection can take up to two weeks.

Porting from JHA:

- JHA will help you find a Housing Authority in the receiving area jurisdiction that administers a Housing Choice Voucher program.
- You will not be permitted to move outside of Madison County under portability during your first year of assistance.
- You also cannot move if you owe money to JHA for a back charge.
- **Income limits** of Jackson Housing Authority are not used for eligibility in the new location. Income limits of the receiving HA will apply.
- If you wish to ask for portability, you should request this at your annual appointment. There is a form that must be completed at that time.
- You must furnish JHA with the name and address of the receiving PHA. We will contact that housing authority to determine if you can move to their area and still receive Voucher rental assistance. **Portability is not guaranteed.**
- Currently, **JHA is absorbing** outside housing authorities rather than billing the voucher.