

Major changes to Criminal Eligibility Criteria Policy, 2014:

- No penalty for “low hanging fruit”:
 - Single instance of non-drug related misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor conviction (commonly: theft, assault 4, solicitation)
 - Single instance of non-violent, non-drug related felony conviction (commonly: DUI, identity theft)
- “Wait times” start from conviction date, not disposition date
- Arrests and dismissed convictions not included on criminal screening to reduce bias
- Individual Assessment Procedure allows applicant to give circumstances around conviction
- Reduction in wait times and simplification of application:

Current Wait Times

- ▶ One Year:
 - Single incident of drug related misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor conviction,
 - History of multiple incidents resulting in misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor convictions
- ▶ Five Years:
 - Single incident of drug related felony conviction
 - Single incident of felony assault
 - Conviction of domestic abuse
 - History of multiple drug related convictions of any kind
 - History of multiple incidents resulting in non-violent felony convictions
- ▶ Seven Years:
 - Conviction of a hate crime
 - Any violent felony not previously addressed
 - History of multiple violent convictions (Requires Individual Assessment)

Previous Wait Times

- ▶ One Year:
 - Single instance of misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor conviction
- ▶ Two Years:
 - Single instance of any felony conviction not listed in the categories below
 - History of multiple incidents resulting in misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor
- ▶ Five Years:
 - Single instance of drug related felony conviction
 - Single instance of felony assault
 - Conviction of domestic abuse
 - Conviction of a hate crime
 - Robbery
 - History of multiple incidents resulting in felony convictions
- ▶ Ten Years:
 - Multiple assaults of any kind
 - Arson, armed robbery, kidnapping, explosives, incendiary device, leading organized crime, machine gun use in felony, setting a spring gun
 - Involuntary Manslaughter
 - Trafficking
- ▶ Twenty Years:
 - Murder

Requirements for Housing Application Individual Assessment

You do not meet our minimum criminal and court eligibility criteria. As outlined in our Housing Policies and Procedures, you may request an Individual Assessment of your criminal history and subsequent rehabilitation. This Individual Assessment will be conducted by a blind panel of staff, and no further appeal of their final decision will be allowed.

To request an Individual Assessment, you must provide at minimum the following documents. There is no maximum to the amount of documents you may submit, and it is recommended that you submit as many documents as required to wholly explain your household's criminal history and proof that your household has sufficiently rehabilitated and is not at high risk of reoffending.

Required:

- **Personal Statement** Outline the circumstances of your arrest(s) and conviction(s), or negative landlord reference, how you have repaid your debt to society, the steps you have taken to rehabilitate yourself, and why you should not be considered at risk of reoffending.
- **CHH Housing Application**
- **Criminal Background Screening Authorization Form and Payment**
- **At Least 3 Additional Documents from the List Below**

Preferred:

- **Certificate(s) Showing Completion of or Participation in Rehabilitation Program(s)**
- **Proof of Enrollment in School or Training Program or Diploma**
- **Police Report(s) or Incident Report(s)**
- **Proof of Stable Routine** Such as current consistent employment, volunteer work, program participation, etc.

Acceptable:

- **Letters of Recommendation or Statements** From Social Workers, Parole Officers, Judges, Advocates, Employers, etc.

Individual Assessment hearings will be held the Wednesday of every week, as necessary. Complete Individual Assessment packets must be received by the Thursday prior to be heard at the following Wednesday's panel.