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#### **Announcements**

#### Schedule:

- The training will run from 9:00 am until approximately 12:00 pm
- We will take a break mid-morning, if needed
- Staff will be present to answer any questions

#### Housekeeping:

- Certificates will not be emailed but you will receive an email confirming your attendance, usually within 24-hours in an email from the GoTo Platform, please check your "junk" folders as we cannot reissue these emails
  - If you did not use your emailed link for the training from your registration you will not receive a follow-up email or show as having attended the webinar
- We suggest you silence your phones and put an "out of office" email response to help avoid distractions during the training
- Please pose questions and comments to the "Questions Box"



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# **Department Resources**

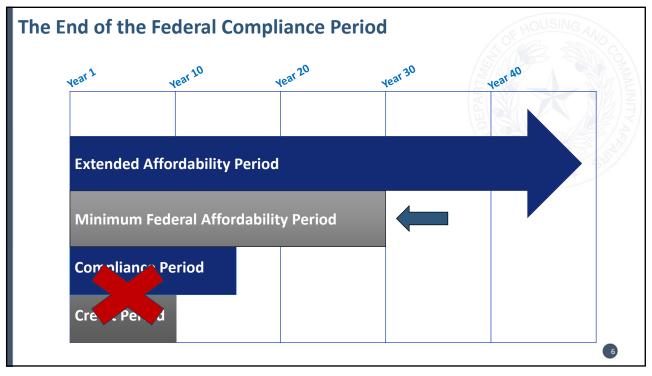
- Compliance Forms
  - https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-forms
- Manuals and Rules
  - https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-manuals-and-rules
- Income and Rent Limits
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# **HTC Properties After the Federal Compliance Period**

- TOO NO SHOW AND SHOW
- 10 Texas Administrative Code §10.623
  - https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-manuals-and-rules
- Commonly referred to as "Going Post-15" or "Post-15"
- The Federal Compliance Period is the first 15 years of the Affordability Period

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# **Post-15: The Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA)**

Where does the LURA indicate the Compliance Period Length?

If the LURA does not have this section completed or included, then the development does not have a longer Compliance Period.

The LURA will indicate the time of the Longer Compliance Period or Extended Use Period.

If you are not sure, call or email a Compliance Monitor for assistance, we are happy to help you find this.

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#### Post-15: The LURA

#### ADDENDUM B To DECLARATION - ADDITIONAL USE RESTRICTIONS

#### MARKETING (10 TAC §10.204(1)(G) AND 10 TAC §10.617, AS MAY BE AMENDED)

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#### RENT AND OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS

INCOME LIMIT	RENT LIMIT	NUMBER OF UNITS
30% OF AMI	30% OF AMI	
40% OF AMI	40% of AMI	
50% OF AMI	50% of AMI	
60% OF AMI	60% OF AMI	
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If at recertification the Tenant's household income exceeds the applicable limit, to maintain compliance, the owner agrees to follow recertification guidance in accordance with the Department Rules as amended from time to time

#### LONGER EXTENDED USE PERIOD

In accordance with the Code, each Development is required to maintain its affordability for a 15-year Compliance Period and, subject to certain exceptions, an additional 15-year period. Development Owner indicates below that the Development will extend the affordability period beyond the 30 years required in the Code as follows:

Add 5 years affordability resulting in an Extended Use Period total affordability period of 35 years

# **Post-15: Department Monitoring**

Compliance monitoring fees will continue to be submitted to the Department annually in the amount stated in the LURA.

The Department will monitor the total number of lowincome units development wide, the building applicable fractions will no longer be monitored individually.

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# **Post-15: Department Monitoring continued**

# **Charges for Amenities**

 Owners may not charge fees for amenities that were included in the development's Eligible Basis.

# **Employee Units**

• Employee occupied units will be treated in the manner prescribed in §10.622(i).

# **Post-15: Monitoring Requirements**

# **Post-15: File Monitoring**

Frequency and depth based on risk assessment

# **Post-15: Physical Inspection**

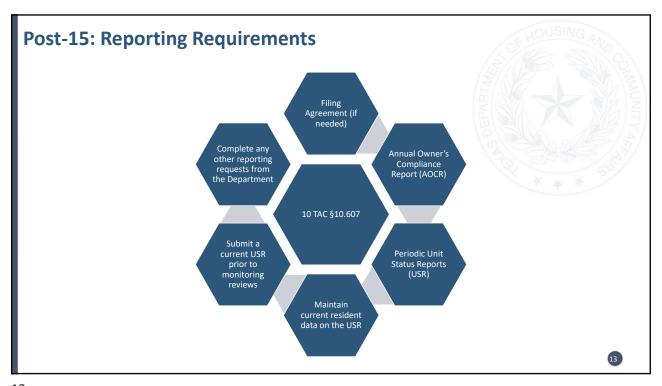
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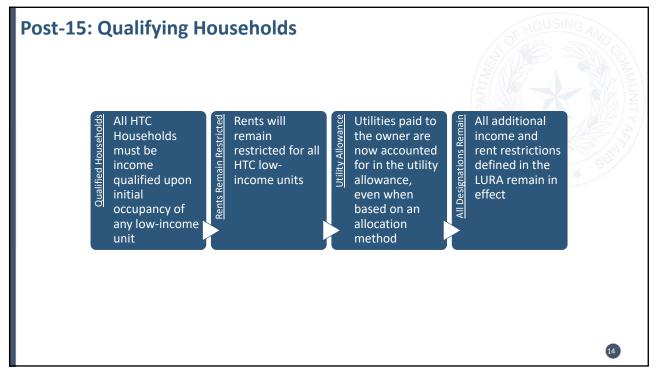
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# **Post-15: Physical Inspections**

- Inspections will be conducted every three (3) years
- 10% of the total of low-income units
  - No less than five (5), but no more than 35, of the Development's HTC Low-Income Units will be physically inspected to determine compliance with NSPIRE Protocol (effective 3/1/2024)
- All building systems and exteriors will be inspected
- Post-15 developments must ensure that the development's accessibility standards are continually met
- All developments with four (4) or more units in one building, constructed for first occupancy after March 13, 1991, must comply with FHA standards







# **Post-15: Qualifying Households**

# All HTC households must be income qualified upon initial occupancy of any low-income unit.

- Proper verifications of income, assets and student status are required
  - HOTMA changed some of the requirements for income and asset verifications
- The Department's Income Certification form must be completed
  - Unless the development participates in the Rural Rental Housing Program or a project-based HUD Program, in which case the program's certification will be accepted
- All forms can be found online at https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-forms



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### **Post-15: Rent Restrictions**

#### Rents will remain restricted for all HTC low-income units.

- The tenant paid portion of the rent plus the applicable utility allowance must not exceed the applicable limit
  - Any excess rent collected must be refunded
- All additional income and rent restrictions as defined in the LURA remain in effect



# **Post-15: Utility Allowance**

After the Federal Compliance Period, utilities paid to the owner are accounted for in the utility allowance.

- Regardless of how the utility is calculated (actual use or allocation method) it will all be in the utility allowance
  - For example, when the water and sewer are billed on an allocation method and were previously, during the first 15 years, counted as a mandatory fee would now be included in the utility allowance and not be counted as a mandatory fee
- TCAP, Exchange, BOND, and THTF Developments layered with Housing Tax Credits no longer within the Federal Compliance Period also include utilities paid to the owner as part of the utility allowance
- The Utility Allowance (except for the PHA method) must be submitted to the Department annually for review by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year
  - The owner is responsible for periodically checking with the applicable PHA to ensure that the most current utility allowance is in place



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# **Post-15: Additional Rent and Occupancy**

OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS		
INCOME LIMIT	RENT LIMIT	NUMBER OF UNITS
30% of AMI	30% of AMI	3
40% of AMI	40% of AMI	0
50% of AMI	50% of AMI	8
60% of AMI	60% of AMI	29
MARKET	MARKET	0

If at recertification the Tenant's household income exceeds the applicable limit, to maintain compliance, the owner agrees to follow recertification guidance in accordance with the Department Rules as amended from time to time

Additional Rent and Occupancy Restrictions

At least 40 Units in the Project must be occupied by Tenants at or below 50% of Area Median Gross Income. The rents for these Units must not be higher than the allowable tax credit rents at the 50% AMGI level.

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At least 0 Units in the Project must be occupied by Tenants at or below 30% of Area Median Gross Income, with rents for these Units no higher than the allowable tax credit rents at such AMGI level. At least 0 Units in the Project must be occupied by Tenants at or below 40% of Area Median Gross Income, with rents for these Units no higher than the allowable tax credit rents at such AMGI level. At least 80 Units in the Project must be occupied by Tenants at or below 50% of Area Median Gross Income, with rents for these Units no higher than the allowable tax credit rents at such AMGI level. If at re-certification the Tenant's household income exceeds the applicable limit, then the Unit remains as a Unit restricted at the specified level of AMGI until the next available Unit of comparable or smaller size is designated to replace this Unit. Once the Unit exceeding the specified AMGI level is replaced, then the rent for the previously qualified Unit may be increased, subject to applicable Tax Credit requirements, lease provisions and local tenant-landlord laws.

These are just a few of the examples of what the additional rent and occupancy requirements might look like in the LURA.



### **Post-15: LURA Requirements**

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Add 5 years affordability resulting in an Extended Use Period total affordability period of 35 years

☐ Longer Compliance Period and Extended Use Period

The Compliance Period shall be a period of 25 consecutive taxable years and the Extended Use Period shall be a period of 40 consecutive taxable years, each commencing with the first year of the Credit Period.

□ Longer Compliance Period and Extended Use Period

The Compliance Period shall be a period of <u>15</u> consecutive taxable years and the Extended Use Period shall be a period of <u>40</u> consecutive taxable years, each commencing with the first year of the Credit Period.

If the LURA
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include this or
the "box" is not
checked, the
development
does not have
an extended
period.



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# **Post-15: LURA Requirements**

# Some things will not stop being monitored:

- All affirmative marketing requirements will remain in place.
- Marketing to veterans, if required, will continue to be a requirement.
  - Rent and Occupancy Restrictions will continue to be required and monitored.



### Post-15: LURA Requirements, Marketing to Veterans

#### MARKETING (10 TAC §10.204(1)(G) AND 10 TAC §10.617, AS MAY BE AMENDED)

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#### AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING (§10.204 OF THE 2013 UNIFORM MULTIFAMILY RULES)

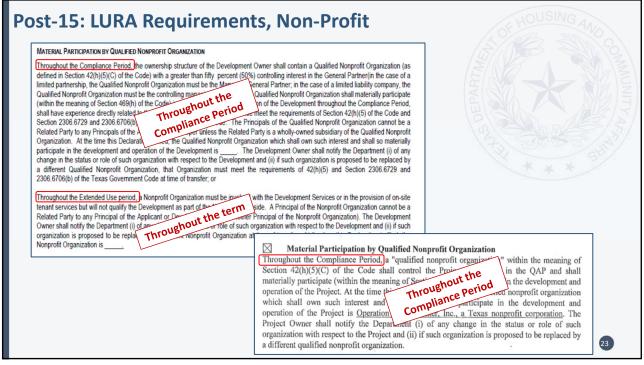
The Development Owner will affirmatively market to veterans through direct marketing or contracts with veteran's organizations. The Development Owner will be required to identify how they will affirmatively market to veterans and report to the Department in the annual housing report on the results of the marketing efforts to veterans. Exceptions to this requirement must be approved by the Department.

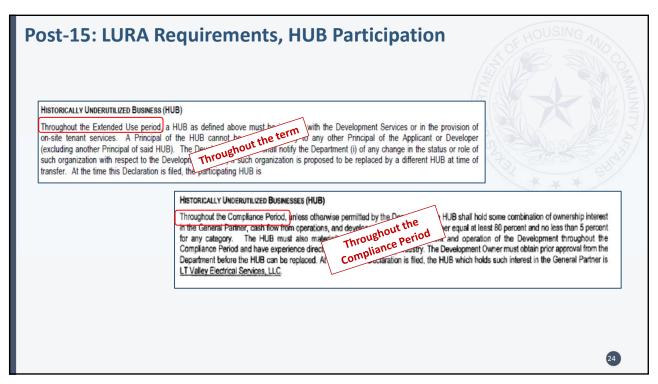
When the LURA requires the marketing to veterans, it will be required throughout the term of the LURA. This will not stop when the development completes the Compliance Period.

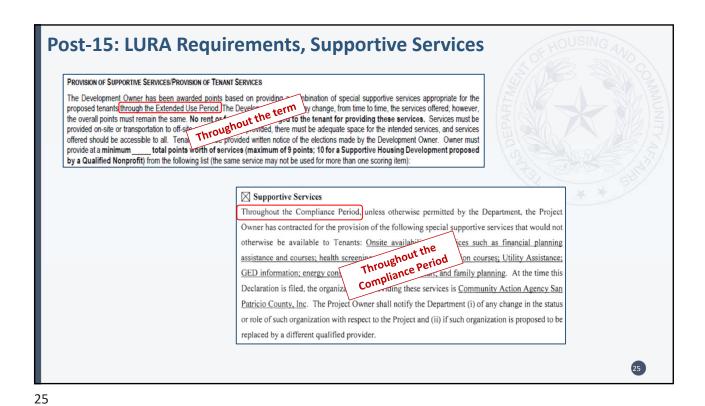
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#### Post-15: LURA Requirements, Elderly Requirements **ELDERLY PREFERENCE DEVELOPMENT** This Development is an elderly development with an "elderly preference" as defined herein, throughout the Term, unless and until the Development is no longer required to operate under the age restrictions imposed by federal assistance. This Development must operate as an Elderly Preference Development as defined: Throughout the term **ELDERLY LIMITATION DEVELOPMENT** Throughout the Term, unless otherwise permitted by the Department, this Development must meet the requirements of the Housing for Older Persons Act ("HOPA") under the Federal Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. §3601, as amended), receive no funding that requires leasing to persons other than the elderly (unless the funding is from a federal program for which the Secretary of HUD has confirmed that it may operate as a Development that meets the requirements of HOPA), and must be a Development which: QUALIFIED ELDERLY DEVELOPMENTS Qualified Elderly Projects (2000 and later) Throughout the Compliance Period, unless otherwise permitted by the Deent, this project must conform to the Federal Throughout the Fair Housing Act and must be a project which: Compliance Period (i) is intended for, and solely of (ii) is intended and operated for d reast one person 55 years of age or older per unit, where at least occupied by at least one person who is 55 years of age or older; and 80% of the total housing unit adheres to policies and procedures which demonstrate an intent by the owner and manager to provide housing for persons 55 years of age or older.

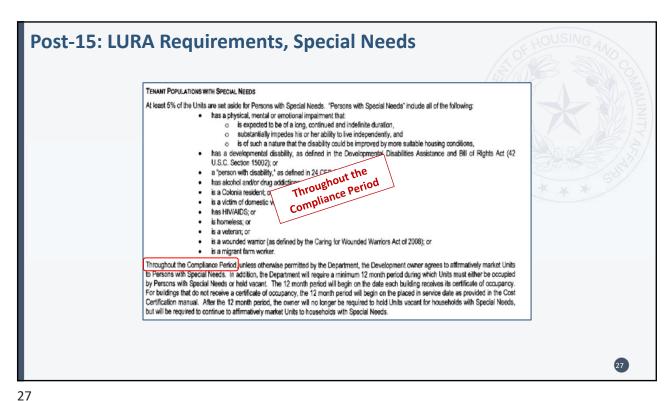


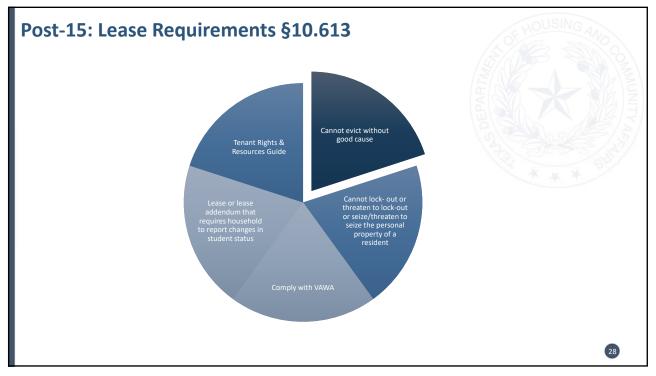




PROVISION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES - OUTREACH & EDUCATION

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# **Post-15: Annual Requirements**

Once a calendar year, Owners must continue to collect and maintain current data on each household that includes the number of household members, age, ethnicity, race, disability status, student status, rental amounts and rental assistance (if any). This information can be collected on the Department's Annual Eligibility Certification (AEC) form or the Income Certification form or HUD Income Certification form or USDA Income Certification form.

There are other program requirements when the property is layered. All program requirement must be met, not just the Tax Credit requirements.

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# **Post-15: Changes to Monitoring**

- The student restrictions found in §42(i)(3)(D) of the Code are no longer monitored in the same way
  - An income-qualified household consisting entirely of full-time students may occupy a low-income unit; however, the development may not market to students
  - The development may not lease more than 15% of the total number of units to student households
- All households, regardless of income level or 8609 elections, will be allowed to transfer between buildings; however, the units will still "swap" status and the move-in date will remain the original move-in date to the development
- The Department will not monitor the development's application fee after the Federal Compliance Period is over
  - The development should still maintain a reasonable application fee
- Please remember, all student household members should be screened for student related income, i.e. financial aid



# **Post-15: Mixed Income Developments**

Mixed income developments are not required to conduct annual income recertification:

- Owners must continue to collect and report data on each household that includes the number of household members, age, ethnicity, race, disability status, student status, rental amounts and rental assistance (if any)
- This information can be collected on the Department's Annual Eligibility Certification form or the Income Certification form or HUD Income Certification form or Rural Housing Certification form
- If the property is layered with another program that requires annual income certifications the property must comply with the additional program requirements



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# **Post-15: Maintaining Compliance**

It is important to maintain compliance after the Federal Compliance
Period, even though issues of non-compliance are no longer reported to
the IRS on Forms 8823.

Issues of non-compliance, which are not corrected in the Corrective Action period are looked at during a Previous Participation Review and could be relevant with the new Enforcement/Debarment rule.

Additionally, if the Development is awarded Acquisition/Rehab funds, it will be expected to comply with the new award and the existing LURA.



# **Post-15: Monitoring Rules**

Unless specifically noted in §10.623, all requirements of the 10 TAC, Chapter 10, Subchapter F, the LURA and §42 of the Code remain in effect for the Extended Use Period. These Post-15 Monitoring Rules apply only to the HTC Developments administered by the Department.

Participation in other programs administered by the Department may require additional monitoring to ensure compliance with the requirements of those programs.



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#### **Corrective Action: Enforcement Action**

Suggestions to help avoid Enforcement Action:

- Make sure that the development is meeting all calendar reporting deadlines:
  - Quarterly Vacancy Reporting due the 10<sup>th</sup> of every January, April, July, October
  - Annual Owners Compliance Report due every April 30<sup>th</sup> for the year prior
- Check CMTS regularly to ensure that TDHCA correspondence is not accidentally missed, and that any file or physical inspection deadlines are calendared and adhered to.
- Failure to resolve noncompliance within the corrective action period will result in referral for an administrative penalty and/or debarment, per 10 TAC Chapter 2.
- IMPORTANT NOTE: Responsible Parties in Control who have a referral ratio of 50% or more of Actively Monitored Developments being referred to the Enforcement Committee within the last three years will be referred for debarment in accordance with 10 TAC §2.401(e)(2)(A).



#### Corrective Action: Enforcement Action cont.

If a property is referred to the Enforcement Committee, Owners shouldn't ignore the referral or wait for legal to contact them. The best thing for the Owner to do after getting notice of penalty referral is to immediately talk to the management/compliance company:

- Contact the referring monitor and Ysella Kaseman at ysella.kaseman@tdhca.texas.gov via email to explain what happened,
- Upload complete corrections into CMTS,
- Complete the "Owner Acknowledgment of Referral" that will be uploaded as a separate line item in CMTS with the referral letter. This must be completed by the Owner and not an owner representative, and
- Adjust internal management policies to ensure that similar referrals do not occur again.

Taking these steps immediately could help the owner avoid penalty action in many cases.



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# **Post-15: Training**

# Continue regular training for ownership groups, management/compliance companies and property staff:

- The Department offers trainings in-house and virtual trainings, information on these offerings can be found on the Department's website: https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-training
- The Department offers webinars in conjunction with the Texas Apartment Association; https://www.taa.org/education/affordable-housing-programs/
- Visit https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/ and click the link to "Subscribe" at the bottom of the page
- The Department maintains a YouTube Channel with many helpful trainings available, https://www.youtube.com/user/TDHCATV
- The Department has a number of previously recorded trainings and hand-outs available online at https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/compliance-program-trainingpresentations



