

How to Become a Landlord

A Step-by-Step Guide to Renting to Veterans

Ideal Landlord Qualifications

Ready to make a difference in your community while also receiving reliable, on-time rent? VA Homeless Programs and its partners are seeking landlords who:

- 1 **Own or manage rental property that meets [HUD standards](#).**
- 2 **Are willing to accept [HUD-VASH vouchers](#).**
- 3 **Agree to annual property inspections.**
- 4 **Provide a lease that complies with local laws and [HUD guidelines](#).**

Ideal Property Features

- 1 **1–2 bedroom(s) private units (shared housing is less preferred).**
- 2 **Fully accessible buildings and appliances.**
- 3 **Located in low-traffic, safe areas.**

Find the full list of requirements here:

[Steps to Become an HCV Landlord](#).

Ready to get started?

Fill out the [VA Landlord Contact Form](#).

How to Rent to Veterans through HUD-VASH and SSVF

- 1 **Get Familiar with the Program:**

The Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) combines HUD's [Housing Choice Voucher](#) rental assistance with VA case management and supportive services. Similarly, [Supportive Services for Veteran Families \(SSVF\)](#) offers awards grants to community-based nonprofit organizations, to offer rapid housing or re-housing to Veterans facing homelessness. These organizations provide short-term interventions such as security deposits, rental subsidies, housing case management, and financial assistance to support the Veteran in assuming full responsibility for the lease and rent.
- 2 **Confirm Property Standards:**

Properties must pass [HUD's NSPIRE standards for inspection](#) including working smoke alarms, proper ventilation, connected utilities, functional appliances, secure windows and doors, and no hazards.
- 3 **Submit Your Unit:**

Fill out the [VA Landlord Contact Form](#) to list your available units.
- 4 **Screen and Lease:**

Screen eligible Veterans and finalize lease agreements. Initial lease terms are typically 12 months.

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