

Portability: Know Your Rights & Next Steps

What is Portability?

As a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participant, you have the right to take your voucher to anywhere in the U.S. with a participating Public Housing Authority (PHA). This process is called “portability.”

Eligibility & Requirements

- New participants who did not live in Perry County at application may need to live in the county for 12 months before porting. The PHA may allow exceptions in special circumstances.
- Participant families (those with a HAP contract) are typically eligible immediately as long as they follow all program rules.

How to Start the Portability Process

1. Submit a written request to Perry Metropolitan Housing Authority (PMHA) expressing your desire to move.
2. Provide the name and contact of the PHA in the area you wish to move to.
3. PMHA will notify that Receiving PHA, which then:
 - Reviews your documents
 - Issues a voucher
 - Briefs you on their local rules and procedures
4. Note: The Receiving PHA may absorb or administer your assistance, depending on their funding and policies.

What You Can Expect

- Possible changes in payment standards, unit size, or utility allowances.
- Changes in procedures—briefing rules and voucher timelines may differ.
- As the family, it's your responsibility to:
 - Contact the Receiving PHA promptly
 - Attend their briefing
 - Ensure submissions are complete and timely

Neighboring PHAs – Portability Contacts

PHA Name	City	Contact Info
Zanesville MHA	Zanesville, OH	(740) 454-9714 / zanesvillehousing.org
Lancaster-Fairfield	Lancaster, OH	(740) 653-4146 / faircaa.org

Hocking MHA	Logan, OH	(740) 385-3883 / hockinghousing.org
Newark (Licking MHA)	Newark, OH	(740) 349-8069 / lmha.org
Athens MHA	Athens, OH	(740) 592-4481 / athensmha.org
Morgan MHA	McConnelsville OH	740-962-4930/ morganmha@morganmha.org

Need Help? Let us know if you'd like assistance filling out portability request forms or picking a nearby PHA.



PERRY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

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(740) 697-0323

(740) 982-8025 FAX

TTY: 711 or 1-800-750-0750



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(740) 982-5991

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PORTABILITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

I, _____ (Print Name), have received the
Portability Information Handout provided by Perry Metropolitan Housing Authority.

I understand that the handout explains:

- My rights and responsibilities when requesting to move my Housing Choice Voucher to another jurisdiction.
- The steps and required documentation for initiating portability.
- The contact information for neighboring housing authorities and other resources.
- Income verification requirements, and housing search timelines.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received this information and had the opportunity to ask questions about the portability process.

Client Name (Print): _____

Client Signature: _____

Date: _____

PMHA Representative Name (Print): _____

PMHA Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____