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**Subpart A—Summary and Applicability**

**§ 880.101 General.**

(a) The purpose of the Section 8 program is to provide low-income families with decent, safe and sanitary rental housing through the use of a system of housing assistance payments. This part contains the policies and procedures applicable to the Section 8 new construction program. The assistance may be provided to public housing agency owners or to private owners either directly from HUD or through public housing agencies.

(b) This part does not apply to projects developed under other Section 8 program regulations, including 24 CFR parts 881, 882, 883, 884, and 885, except to the extent specifically stated in those parts. Portions of subparts E and F of this part 880 have been cross-referenced in 24 CFR parts 881 and 883.

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**§ 880.104 Applicability of part 880.**

(a) Part 880, in effect as of November 5, 1979, applies to all proposals for which a notification of selection was not issued before the November 5, 1979 effective date of part 880. (See 24 CFR part 880, revised as of April 1, 1980.) Where a notification of selection was issued for a proposal before the November 5, 1979 effective date, part 880, in effect as of November 5, 1979, applies if the owner notified HUD within 60 calendar days that the owner wished the provisions of part 880, effective November 5, 1979, to apply and promptly brought the proposal into conformance.

(b) Subparts E (Housing Assistance Payments Contract) and F (Management) of this part apply to all projects for which an Agreement was not executed before the November 5, 1979, effective date of part 880. Where an Agreement was so executed:

(1) The owner and HUD may agree to make the revised subpart E of this part applicable and to execute appropriate amendments to the Agreement and/or Contract.

(2) The owner and HUD may agree to make the revised subpart F of this part applicable (with or without the limitation on distributions) and to execute appropriate amendments to the Agreement and/or Contract.

(c) Section 880.607 (Termination of tenancy and modification of leases) applies to all families.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section, the provisions of 24 CFR part 5 apply to all projects, regardless of when an Agreement was executed.

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**§ 880.105 Applicability to proposals and projects under 24 CFR part 811.**

Where proposals and projects are financed with tax-exempt obligations under 24 CFR part 811, the provisions of part 811 will be complied with in addition to all requirements of this part. In the event of any conflict between this part and part 811, part 811 will control.

**Subpart B—Definitions and Other Requirements**

**§ 880.201 Definitions.**

*Annual Contributions Contract (ACC).* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Agency.* As defined in 24 CFR part 883.

*Agreement.* (Agreement to Enter into Housing Assistance Payments Contract) The Agreement between the owner and the contract administrator which provides that, upon satisfactory completion of the project in accordance with the HUD-approved final proposal, the administrator will enter into the Contract with the owner.

*Annual income.* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Contract.* (Housing Assistance Payments Contract) The Contract entered into by the owner and the contract administrator upon satisfactory completion of the project, which sets forth the rights and duties of the parties with respect to the project and the payments under the Contract.

*Contract Administrator.* The entity which enters into the Contract with the owner and is responsible for monitoring performance by the owner. The contract administrator is a PHA in the

case of private-owner/PHA projects, and HUD in private-owner/HUD and PHA-owner/HUD projects.

*Contract rent.* The total amount of rent specified in the contract as payable to the owner for a unit.

*Decent, safe, and sanitary.* Housing is decent, safe, and sanitary if it meets the physical condition requirements in 24 CFR part 5, subpart G.

*Drug-related criminal activity.* The illegal manufacture, sale, distribution, use or possession with the intent to manufacture, sell, distribute, or use, of a controlled substance as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 802.

*Elderly family.* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Fair Market Rent (FMR).* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Family.* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Final proposal.* The detailed description of a proposed project to be assisted under this part, which an owner submits after selection of the preliminary proposal, except where a preliminary proposal is not required under § 880.303(c). (The final proposal becomes an exhibit to the Agreement and is the standard by which HUD judges acceptable construction of the project.)

*Housing assistance payment.* The payment made by the contract administrator to the owner of an assisted unit as provided in the contract. Where the unit is leased to an eligible family, the payment is the difference between the contract rent and the tenant rent. An additional payment is made to the family when the utility allowance is greater than the total tenant payment. A housing assistance payment, known as a “vacancy payment”, may be made to the owner when an assisted unit is vacant, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

*HUD.* Department of Housing and Urban Development.

*Independent Public Accountant.* A Certified Public Accountant or a licensed or registered public accountant, having no business relationship with the owner except for the performance of audit, systems work and tax preparation. If not certified, the Independent Public Accountant must have been licensed or registered by a regulatory

authority of a State or other political subdivision of the United States on or before December 31, 1970. In States that do not regulate the use of the title “public accountant,” only Certified Public Accountants may be used.

*Low income family.* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*NOFA.* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Owner.* Any private person or entity (including a cooperative) or a public entity which qualifies as a PHA, having the legal right to lease or sublease newly constructed dwelling units assisted under this part. The term owner also includes the person or entity submitting a proposal under this part.

*Partially-assisted Project.* A project for non-elderly families under this part which includes more than 50 units of which 20 percent or fewer are assisted.

*PHA-Owner/HUD Project.* A project under this part which is owned by a PHA. For this type of project, the Agreement and the Contract are entered into by the PHA, as owner, and HUD, as contract administrator.

*Private-Owner/HUD Project.* A project under this part which is owned by a private owner. For this type of project, the Agreement and Contract are entered into by the private owner, as owner, and HUD, as contract administrator.

*Private-Owner/PHA Project.* A project under this part which is owned by a private owner. For this type of project, the Agreement and Contract are entered into by the private owner, as owner, and the PHA, as contract administrator, pursuant to an ACC between the PHA and HUD. The term also covers the situation where the ACC is with one PHA and the owner is another PHA.

*Project Account.* A specifically identified and segregated account for each project which is established in accordance with § 880.503(b) out of the amounts by which the maximum annual commitment exceeds the amount actually paid out under the Contract or ACC, as applicable, each year.

*Public Housing Agency (PHA).* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Rent.* In the case of an assisted unit in a cooperative project, rent means

the carrying charges payable to the cooperative with respect to occupancy of the unit.

*Replacement cost.* The estimated construction cost of the project when the proposed improvements are completed. The replacement cost may include the land, the physical improvements, utilities within the boundaries of the land, architect's fees, and miscellaneous charges incident to construction as approved by the Assistant Secretary.

*Secretary.* The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (or designee).

*Small Project.* A project for non-elderly families under this part which includes a total of 50 or fewer (assisted and unassisted) units.

*Tenant rent.* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Total tenant payment.* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Utility allowance.* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Utility reimbursement.* As defined in part 5 of this title.

*Vacancy payment.* The housing assistance payment made to the owner by the contract administrator for a vacant assisted unit if certain conditions are fulfilled as provided in the Contract. The amount of the vacancy payment varies with the length of the vacancy period and is less after the first 60 days of any vacancy.

*Very low income family.* As defined in part 5 of this title.

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#### § 880.205 Limitation on distributions.

(a) Non-profit owners are not entitled to distributions of project funds.

(b) For the life of the Contract, project funds may only be distributed to profit-motivated owners at the end of each fiscal year of project operation following the effective date of the Contract after all project expenses have been paid, or funds have been set aside for payment, and all reserve requirements have been met. The first year's distribution may not be made until cost certification, where applicable, is

completed. Distributions may not exceed the following maximum returns:

(1) For projects for elderly families, the first year's distribution will be limited to 6 percent on equity. The Assistant Secretary may provide for increases in subsequent years' distributions on an annual or other basis so that the permitted return reflects a 6 percent return on the value in subsequent years, as determined by HUD, of the approved initial equity. Any such adjustment will be made by Notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(2) For projects for non-elderly families, the first year's distribution will be limited to 10 percent on equity. The Assistant Secretary may provide for increases in subsequent years' distributions on an annual or other basis so that the permitted return reflects a 10 percent return on the value in subsequent years, as determined by HUD, of the approved initial equity. Any such adjustment will be made by Notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(c) For the purpose of determining the allowable distribution, an owner's equity investment in a project is deemed to be 10 percent of the replacement cost of the part of the project attributable to dwelling use accepted by HUD at cost certification (see § 880.405) unless the owner justifies a higher equity contribution by cost certification documentation in accordance with HUD mortgage insurance procedures.

(d) Any short-fall in return may be made up from surplus project funds in future years.

(e) If HUD determines at any time that project funds are more than the amount needed for project operations, reserve requirements and permitted distribution, HUD may require the excess to be placed in an account to be used to reduce housing assistance payments or for other project purposes. Upon termination of the Contract, any excess funds must be remitted to HUD.

(f) Owners of small projects or partially-assisted projects are exempt from the limitation on distributions contained in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section.

(g) In the case of HUD-insured projects, the provisions of this section