



All applicants must live or work in Worcester
The highest preferences are given to veterans

- **Resident:** A member who is listed on the application who lives, works or will work in the Worcester area. Documentation required: Lease agreement, utility bill, pay stub, and/or letter from employer.
 - **Veteran:** A member who is listed on the application who is a veteran with service-connected disability; a family of a deceased veteran whose death was service-connected; or other veteran that meets the definition of a housing authority's administrative plan. Documentation required: DD214 for veteran and if veteran is deceased, a copy of his/her death certificate.
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The following additional preferences are weighted equally

- **Emergency Preference Definitions**
- **Displacement because of Domestic Violence:** A member who is listed on the application who is a victim of domestic violence which has occurred recently or is of continuing nature and as a result of this, will be or has been displaced. Documentation required: Certification of displacement from the local police department, social service agency, or court of law, clergyman, physician, or shelter providing shelter to victims of domestic violence that the domestic violence occurred recently or is of continuing nature.
- **Rent Burdened 50% of Income:** A member who can document that they are paying more than 50% of their monthly gross family adjusted income (adjustments for dependent allowance, medical expenses, etc.) toward monthly housing costs (rent and utilities). Documentation required: providing a lease or rental agreement and 3 most recent months of rent receipts; Utility (gas/oil and/or electric) bills or printouts directly from the utility companies; household income for all family member(s) residing in dwelling unit.
- **Disabled person:** A member who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, learning, breathing, and working. Documentation required: disability benefits, proof of residency at an institution or hospitalization for a disability, or letter from a health care professional, such as a health or service professional or a social worker.