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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Extends Public Comment Period on Removing Criminal Conviction Restrictions for Fair Housing Testers

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) issued a notice extending the public comment date for its [proposed rule](#) that would remove criminal conviction restrictions for fair housing testers.

The notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the *Federal Register* on October 31, 2023, and provided for a 60-day public comment period. Through today's notice, HUD is extending the period by nine days, to **January 11, 2024**.

The proposed rule aims to eliminate the restrictions on the use of fair housing testers with prior felony convictions or convictions of crimes involving fraud or perjury by Fair Housing Initiatives Program ([FHIP](#)) grantees and Fair Housing Assistance Program ([FHAP](#)) agencies.

HUD Posts Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has made its semiannual regulatory agenda available for viewing at [RegInfo.gov](#). The Fall 2023 [agenda for HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing](#) includes but is not limited to the following, along with **tentative** publication dates:

- [Proposed Rule](#) "Public Housing Evaluation and Oversight: Changes to the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) (FR-6356)" (April 2024)
- [Proposed Rule](#) "Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 – Capital Fund Replacement Reserve Funds (FR-6093)" (May 2024)
- [Proposed Rule](#) "Streamlining Environmental Reviews, Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act (FR-6305)" (April 2024)
- [Proposed Rule](#) "Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Performance Indicators and Assessments for Housing Choice Voucher Programs (FR-6356)" (April 2024)
- [Final Rule](#) "Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 -- Streamlining Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project Based Voucher (PBV) Implementation: Section 101 and 106 (FR-6092)" (December 2023)
- [Final Rule](#) "Tenant-Based Assistance -- Enhanced Vouchers (FR-5585)" (April 2024)



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