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HUD Makes Available Interactive Tool on Housing Requests for Assistance Animals

On the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) [announced](#) that it has made available an [interactive tool](#) to educate housing providers, and others involved in housing transactions, on how to address reasonable accommodation requests related to assistance animals. The tool also provides persons with disabilities with information about their fair housing rights related to requests for assistance animals.

The interactive tool consists of a series of questions which guides users through HUD's Notice [FHEO 2020-01](#), "Assessing a Person's Request to Have an Assistance Animal as a Reasonable Accommodation Under the Fair Housing Act," to provide information about handling a reasonable accommodation request for an assistance animal from, or on behalf of, a person with a disability. The tool also provides best practices to use when addressing requests by a housing applicant or tenant for reasonable accommodations for assistance animals in housing.

You can find a link to the interactive tool and other resources related to assistance animals on [this page](#).

HUD Posts PHA Occupancy Webinar Materials

On the [HUD Exchange News webpage](#), HUD [announced](#) that it has posted the materials for the webinar titled "[Public Housing Calculation Impact and Strategy](#)," part of its [PHA Occupancy Webinar Series](#). The series helps PHAs gain a thorough understanding of a wide spectrum of topics related to occupancy as well as the knowledge on how to develop and implement solutions.

The webinar, held on December 21, 2022, helped PHAs grantees understand how public housing occupancy is calculated and improved, thus increasing their capacity to identify internal risks and opportunities. The materials posted include the [recording](#), [slides](#), [transcript](#), and [handout](#) of the webinar.



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