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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Posts NSPIRE Score Calculator

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) has posted a National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate ([NSPIRE](#)) [score calculator](#), which helps estimate a potential NSPIRE score based on the types and locations of deficiencies identified during an NSPIRE inspection. HUD clarifies that this score only provides an estimate as many factors will impact the actual score generated by a property inspection. “The NSPIRE scoring calculator generates a simulated score based on the [proposed scoring values](#) in the *Federal Register*. Calculations will change when NSPIRE scoring is published as final.”

To learn how to use the score calculator, watch [this video](#). You can find the links to the calculator and video on the [NSPIRE webpage](#).

HUD Issues ANPRM on Nondiscrimination Based on Disability

Today in the *Federal Register*, HUD published an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking ([ANPRM](#)) titled “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability: Updates to HUD’s Section 504 Regulations.” The ANPRM seeks public input on changes that the Department is considering to its implementing regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ([Section 504](#)), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities conducted by HUD or that receive financial assistance from HUD.

After this ANPRM is published, the Department intends to draft a notice of a proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that would propose the adoption of an updated federal accessibility standard for purposes of compliance with HUD’s Section 504 regulations. In addition, the Department intends for this NPRM to propose revisions to HUD’s Section 504 regulations to clarify recipients’ obligations, including how to account for advances in accessible design, information and communication technology, and assistive technologies that have become available since HUD’s Section 504 regulations were originally published in 1988.

HUD is requesting input on 13 questions identified in Part III of the notice. Comments are due by **July 24, 2023**.

HUD Outlines Actions to Remove Barriers for People with Criminal Records

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that in the weeks ahead it will issue a notice of proposed rulemaking in which it proposes to change its regulations governing PHAs and HUD-subsidized housing providers to prevent unnecessary denials of housing assistance to people with criminal history records.

According to the announcement, the Department will issue new guidance and technical assistance to assist PHAs and HUD-affiliated owners in determining what convictions are relevant to health and safety and how to conduct an individualized assessment when reviewing criminal history records. HUD will also provide technical assistance to encourage grantees, PHAs, and housing owners to use HUD programs to provide housing and services that support people’s successful reentry from prisons and jails to the community, which enhances public safety.

The announcement follows a [comprehensive review](#) of HUD regulations, policies, and guidance geared toward increasing opportunities for qualified individuals and families to receive housing assistance from HUD.



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