



HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM (HAP)

- Is your apartment building being converted into a condominium or a cooperative?
- If you have to relocate, who will pay for your moving expenses?

Under the Rental Housing Conversion and Sale Act of 1980, if you are displaced because your apartment building was converted into a condominium or cooperative, you may be entitled to receive financial assistance. **Eligibility requirements apply.**

What type of financial assistance is available under HAP?

If you choose not to purchase a condominium or cooperative unit in the converted building, you may be eligible for one or both payment types:

1. Relocation Payment: To receive a relocation payment, you must provide written evidence of your moving costs. Written evidence can be an estimate from a moving company or truck rental company, or you may pay for the moving costs yourself, and present the owner with a paid receipt and be reimbursed. You may be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 in moving costs, but not less than \$125. Your landlord may pay by check or cash, and must pay you within 7 days after receiving your written estimate or paid receipt.
2. Housing Assistance Payment: If you are low income and relocate within the District of Columbia, you may be eligible to receive Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) for three (3) years. If your application is approved, the housing assistance payments will be made directly to your new landlord or property management company

What are the HAP Eligibility Requirements?

To be eligible for the Housing Assistance Payment Program (HAP), you must –

- Qualify as a low income tenant household;
- Relocate to a rental unit located within the District of Columbia;
- Apply to receive housing assistance payments; and
- Not receive other types of public housing assistance payments.

To apply for the Housing Assistance Payment Program, contact the Department of Housing and Community Development, Rental Conversion and Sale Division at (202)442-7200 or visit the DHCD Housing Resource Center at 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E.

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