

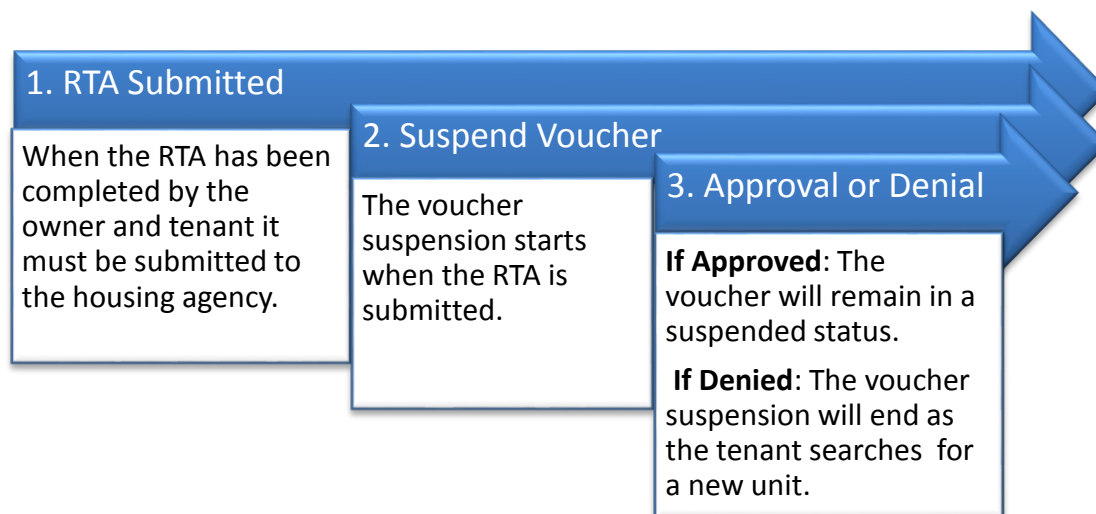
Voucher Suspension Rule Notice to Tenants

For all families that are in the process of leasing a unit, HUD has implemented a mandatory rule that requires all Public Housing Agencies (PHA) to suspend the term of the voucher when the Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA) for the prospective unit is received.

HUD requires that the initial voucher term is at least 60 days, which is the time that the tenant has to search for a unit. The Request for Tenancy Approval (RTA) that must be completed by the tenant and owner is issued at the same time as the voucher. Once the family locates a unit, the RTA is filled out to its entirety and submitted to the local office. When submitted to the office, the voucher will be placed in a suspended status.

The suspension ends when the PHA notifies the tenant in writing of the approval or denial of the RTA.

Please see the step-by-step illustration below that will explain the voucher suspension rule:



The new rule allows tenants adequate time to search for a unit without their voucher expiring, and potentially being at risk of losing housing assistance.

If you have any questions regarding the new voucher suspension rule please contact your caseworker for more information.