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Been to jail or prison? Have a criminal record?

# You may still be able to live in public housing in Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma City Housing reviewed its policies in 2019. Here are some important things to know if you or a family member have been involved in the justice system.

- If a conviction took place more than **three years ago**, it will **not** be factored into the review of an application for public housing or housing choice vouchers.\*
  - The time period is counted from the date of conviction to the date that the application is reviewed. Although applicants may be ineligible at the time they submit their applications, the conviction may be outside of the three-year lookback period when the application reaches the top of the waiting list.
- Applicants are encouraged to:
  - present evidence of mitigating circumstances and participation in any relevant programs (such as vocational, educational, or rehabilitative), including those that may have taken place during incarceration; and
  - dispute an inaccurate record, if one is recorded or cited.
- In reviewing applications, the Oklahoma City Housing Authority will give less weight to arrests and evictions than to convictions.

**For more information, go to [OCHAnet.org](https://OCHAnet.org)**

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\* The only convictions that cause a lifetime ban from public housing are those for producing methamphetamine in federally subsidized housing and those that result in lifetime sex offender registration. Passage of time does not matter in these cases.